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DARLAN SHOT DEAD

TWO CHIEFS' LAST MEETING

Admiral Darlan (left) talking to General Giraud, at Algiers.

GIRAUD TAKES OVER POST

ADMIRAL DARLAN, High Commissioner of French North Africa, was assassinated in his office at Algiers on Thursday afternoon by a young man of French nationality. Yesterday it was announced from Algiers that General Giraud has suceeeded Darlan as High Commissioner.

He will also act as Commander-in-Chief of the French Army, Navy and Air Force. His assumption of the dual rôle has aroused hopes in Allied circles of a wider unity of the French forces fighting against the Axis.

In an Order of the Day Giraud states:—"I ask all to stand united behind me to assure, with the support of our Allies, the success of our armies. Only one thing counts—France and her Empire. There is but one aim—victory."

"COMPLETE CONFESSION"

First news of Admiral Darlan's death, which occurred soon after he had given a statement to the French Press in North Africa appealing for national unity, was flashed from Algiers in the early hours of Friday.

A communiqué issued by the French High Commissariat stated that the assassin, who was caught in the act, made a complete confession. He was condemned to death by a courtmartial. (Reports from North Africa later stated that he was executed on Saturday morning.) The communiqué said that the assassin, whose name was being kept secret for reasons of national security, was of French nationality. Inquiries showed that his mother was Italian, and living in Italy. The man is said to have insisted that he acted without accomplices.

Altogether, four shots were fired by the man, with a .25 calibre pistol. He had tried without success to get an interview with Admiral Darlan, and while at the Summer Palace had learned about the arrangements in the building. As Darlan crossed the corridor to reach his study the man fired twice. The Admiral fell through the doorway into his room, wounded near the mouth and in the lungs.

As officials strove to seize the assassin, more shots were fired, and an officer was wounded in the leg.

DIED IN CAR

Rear-Admiral Battet ordered that Darlan should be taken by car to the hospital, but on the way the High Commissioner died.

The appointment of General Giraud to succeed Darlan was generally expected, but the speed with which the French Imperial Council reached a decision came as a surprise, and some political quarters in North Africa were also startled by the announcement that he would wield fully both civil and military authority.

The forces under General de Gaulle now administer the Equatorial and Chad areas, adjoining Giraud's new domain, as well as Syria and other scattered portions of the French Empire.

An American radio correspondent, broadcasting from Algiers, said there were great hopes that Giraud's appointment "will mean not only the political unification of the people of French Africa, but also of all Frenchmen and women outside France who are supporting the cause of the United Nations."

NEED FOR ARMS

The General's "main pre-occupation" is the war, a French spokesman said. "The only thing he needs is arms for his soldiers, and he will ask for them whenever necessary."

Admiral Darlan's funeral on Saturday was attended by General Eisenhower, Allied C.-in-C. in North Africa; Admiral Cunningham, Commander of the Naval Expedition; General Clark, Deputy C.-in-C.; and Mr. Robert Murphy, President Roosevelt's representative in Algiers.

French leaders present included General Giraud, General Bergeret, Deputy High Commissioner; and M. Yves Chatel, Governor-General of Algeria.

According to the Associated Press from Algiers, General Giraud called his Order of the Day "a soldier's proclamation." He asserted that he was Commander of the French troops first and High Commissioner second, and High Commissioner only because of the "necessities of the times." Giraud said that he would devote his energies to "rebuilding the combat forces and obtaining better equipment for them."

Giraud has been hailed as a successor to the "Weygand tradition." For that reason his selection was expected to prove highly popular among both French and Arabs of the vast African territory he now rules. His close association with Weygand long ago raised him high in the esteem of the French African troops.

General Eisenhower stated yesterday that he believed General Giraud would make a "real contribution to the defeat of the Axis," and that he would succeed in uniting the French forces in North Africa against the Axis.—(Reuter, P.A. and A.P.)

DE GAULLISTS MEET

De Gaullist Headquaters in London issued the following communiqué last night:—

"The French National Committee met on December 26 under the presidency of General De Gaulle. The Committee considered information relating to the most recent events in French North Africa and discussed the eventual consequences of these events from the point of view of the union of the French people and the French Empire in the war. Other current affairs were discussed."

De Gaullist circles in Washington yesterday gave unqualified approval to the appointment of General Giraud as Admiral Darlan's successor. A spokesman said that the General, better than any other, was in a position to reconcile effectively all patriotic elements in the French colonies and France itself.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS

Negotiations to achieve complete unity of Frenchmen of all shades of opinion are believed to be proceeding, writes the Press Association's Political Correspondent. Mr. Churchill yesterday had luncheon with General de Gaulle.

Britain Blamed By De Brinon

De Brinon, French Ambassador in Paris, who has frequently attacked Darlan's rôle in North Africa, told French Press representatives yesterday that "England undoubtedly had a hand in murdering Darlan," according to the German radio.

"Darlan was always extremely anti-British, and behind the Darlan affair lies a great conflict of interests between British and United States imperialism in Africa.

"Darlan's removal was the British stroke against this policy," De Brinon added. "It is incomprehensible what the military reasons were for suppressing the name of the assassin. Their true reason is a political one."

Allied Naval Losses: Tokio Figures

LONDON, Sunday. — Admiral Shimada, Japanese Navy Minister, speaking in the Diet to-day, said, according to Tokyo radio: — "The war has now entered upon a decisive stage, and the enemy, relying upon his productive capacity, is expected to attempt counter-attacks." Summing up claims by the Japanese Admiralty during the past year, he said that the U.S., British, and Netherlands Navies had lost to the Japanese Fleet 38 per cent. of their combined strength before the war. Summing up results of the Japanese Naval operations since Pearl Harbour, Admiral Shimada gave these results: Allied losses—Sunk, 11 battleships, 11 aircraft carriers, 46 cruisers, 48 destroyers, 93 submarines, 54 other Naval vessels, and 3,853 'planes destroyed; sunk or heavily damaged, 424 merchantmen, aggregating 2,870,000 tons, with another 503 captured; heavily damaged, 9 battleships, 4 aircraft carriers, 19 cruisers, 23 destroyers, 60 submarines, 39 other Naval vessels.

Japanese losses: Sunk, 1 battleship, 3 aircraft carriers, 4 cruisers, 15 destroyers, 9 submarines, 20 other Naval, vessels, 65 merchantmen, of about 200,000 tons, attached to the Navy, and 568 aircraft destroyed; heavily damaged, 1 battleship, 2 aircraft carriers, 3 cruisers, 9 destroyers, 1 submarine, 10 other Naval vessels.

"The enemy has lost a total of approximately 1,100,000 tons of war vessels above the submarine class," he said.

Fierce North Africa Fighting

First Army Take Heights

SUCCESSES by the First and Eighth Armies were announced from North Africa last night.

In Tunisia British Guardsmen, in a furious Christmas battle, are reported to have won the heights dominating the Medjez-el-Bab-Tebourba road, regarded as an advantage for launching an offensive.

Spearheads of the Eighth Army were last night "well to the west of Sirte," which was entered on Christmas Day, and are now over half-way between El Agheila and Tripoli.

BAYONET FIGHT IN THE MUD

The Tunisian battle for the heights dominating the Medjez-el-Bab—Tebourba road started on Christmas Eve and continued through the short dawn till daylight. By then the heights, which lie about six miles north-east of Medjez-el-Bab, had been won by the British at the point of the bayonet.

Attacking through mud, resulting from thirty hours' almost continuous rainfall, the British troops carried the lower heights but not the topmost ridge, after a grim battle. The Germans twice made good their losses in counter-attacks, but then the British, reinforced by a second unit, finally succeeded in occupying all the ground taken in the initial battle.

The battle ended a spell of more than a fortnight in which patrol activity had been the only feature of operations on land.

In the forward areas there has been a renewal of Allied heavy bombing attacks. Flying Fortresses, with an escort of Lightnings, in an attack on Bizerta, set on fire a large ship lying at the docks and started two other fires. The Lightnings destroyed two F.W. 190s. Two Fortresses were shot down. For the first time Curtiss V/40 Warhawks escorted an American bombing force in a raid on Sfax, where two large vessels and one small vessel were sunk.

BERLIN CLAIMS

The German News Agency said last night that American forces in the Medjez-el-Bab area were forced back on Saturday following an Axis push. To the west of Kairouan, in the central sector, Axis troops were able to occupy the high passes stormed a few days ago and secure and fortify adjoining ranges of hills, the Agency added.

"Allied tank units were not able to disturb the offensive action of the Axis troops. The approach to the hilly country of Western Tunisia is, therefore, closed to the Allies."

The German communiqué stated that the German and Italian troops fortified their newly-won positions, and in successful shock troop operations captured a number of prisoners and booty. In air combats on the Tunisian front and in heavy attacks of German air formations against bases in Algeria on December 26 17 enemy aircraft, including a number of heavy bombers, were destroyed. In addition, the enemy lost five aircraft in air attacks against Bizerta and Tunis.

BOMBERS REACH OUT TO SICILY

Yesterday's Allied joint communiqué from Cairo stated:—

"Our troops continue their advance, and yesterday were well to the west of Sirte. Air activity over the battle area yesterday was confined to fighter patrols around Sirte and Tamet. Tunis, La Goulette and Sousse were bombed during Friday night, and aerodromes in Sicily were ground-strafed. Considerable damage was done to grounded aircraft at Castel Vetrano.

"From these operations one of our aircraft did not return, but the crew is safe."

Cairo reports state that Axis mines are having to be dealt with. Axis 'planes are ordered on definite bombing missions, and there are infrequent skirmishes with the rearguard Marshal Rommel has left behind. But all these together are not sufficient to halt the Allied progress.

One report says General Montgomery is concentrating his troops to deal with an Italian brigade which Marshal Rommel is said to have entrusted with the defence of Misurata, 120 miles east of Tripoli.

An Alexandria message states that a British submarine on a recent cruise sank a large tanker laden with supplies for Marshal Rommel, sank or damaged a medium-sized merchantman, and hit two smaller vessels.

ROME COMMUNIQUE

Yesterday's Italian communiqué stated:—

"Concentrations of enemy motor vehicles were vigorously attacked by our 'planes in the desert areas of Southern Libya. A considerable number of vehicles were set on fire and destroyed.

"In Tunisia Axis forces have consolidated the occupation of positions captured during preceding days. In successful raids we captured men, arms and ammunition. During a successful night operation the port of Bone was attacked by the Italian Air Force.

"German fighters, without loss to themselves, destroyed seven enemy 'planes in air duels and ten other machines on the ground. Along the coasts of French North Africa an Anglo-American convoy was attacked by our torpedo-carrying 'planes. Despite violent anti-aircraft fire, a ship sustained a direct hit and was sunk by one of our 'planes. A second merchantman was hit by another of our 'planes. Its loss may be considered certain."—(Reuter and P.A.)

Pope Denounces New Heresy

THE Pope, in the course of his Christmas Eve broadcast, submits five points as the basis for the creation of world order and co-operation in the attainment of fundamentals for a new, improved society. His Holiness sets out for the attainment of these ideals:—

Restoration of the dignity and right of the human person.
Defence of social liberty, especially of the family.
Dignity the prerogative of labour.
Rehabilitation of the judicial order.
Conception of the State according to the Christian spirit.

"A new danger has arisen—the subordination of everything to politics, and the heresy of the National State, which subordinates all to human law," he said.

The whole world, said the Pope, desired peace which must not only be external, but an internal peace, among the nations. Order and security must inspire the confidence of the peoples. The aim must be not to dominate, but to serve. Complete peace appeared to reign only in the field of work.

The Church, he went on, could not ignore the fact that the worker was still fighting against some machinery which was an obstacle erected by other human beings. The worker must be assured of some private property, especially the father of a big family. The barriers which had hitherto frustrated this were based on mistakes, on prejudice and lack of interest.

"We must," he said, "fight against these." The Church would not take part in the war, but must ask observance of those rules on which human life was based, and on which any new order in the world must be built up. They should strive to secure for every family a dwelling where material and moral family life might be seen in all its vigour, and they should take care that the place of work be not so separated from the home as to make the head of the family—the educator of the children—a virtual stranger in his own household.

Appealing for the co-operation of all Christians in a crusade for truth, justice and unity, the Pope urged the restoration to the human person of the dignity given by God from the beginning. They should oppose the herding of men as if they were a mass without a soul, and they should uphold the realisation of the personal right to develop and maintain one's corporal, intellectual and moral life with respect to religious formation and education, and the right to work towards the maintenance of family life, as well as the use of material goods in keeping with his duties and social limitations.

Every form of materialism which saw in a people only a herd of individuals should be rejected.

Work, said the Pope, should be given the place assigned to it by God. Recalling the insistence of the Church on a just wage for the worker, a social order which would promote the highest education of the children of the working classes, he said that progress and the extent of urgent social reform depended upon the economic possibilities of the nations. Relations of man to man, of the Government to society, of authority to civic duties, and the relations of society to authority and the individual should be based on a firm juridical footing.

Possible English Railway Strike

A strike may be demanded by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen at an emergency National Delegate Conference in London on Wednesday, following dissatisfaction over the recent Tribunal wage award, giving them an increase of twopence a day. Mr. W. P. Allen, General Secretary, stated: "There is a real danger of a railway strike being placed before the country in the early days of the new year. This matter will be decided on Wednesday. It will be a question of a strike, or some other action." He added that he was receiving a "great number" of demands for a stoppage.

SOVIET DRIVE FOR ROSTOV

Red Army Deep in The Ukraine

RUSSIAN armies on four main fronts continue to push their offensives, according to an official communiqué yesterday, which made the following claims:—

In Stalingrad and south-west of the city Soviet troops occupied positions wrested from the Germans.

In the Middle Don area Russian troops developed their offensive and captured an important position.

On the Central front Soviet troops advanced, storming German garrisons.

In the Caucasus, Russian troops captured several inhabited localities south of Nalchik.

MOSCOW, Sunday. — To-day's official communiqué claims:—"In the factory area of Stalingrad our troops destroyed 25 blockhouses and dugouts. South-west of Stalingrad our troops continued their advance. In the area of the Middle Don our troops continued to develop their successful offensive, and occupied an important inhabited locality. On the Central front our active operations continued and our troops forged ahead. In the area of Velikie Luki our troops dislodged the enemy from an important position. South-east of Nalchik our troops captured several inhabited localities."

THREAT TO ROSTOV

Reuter's Correspondent here says that the Soviet Army is now threatening Rostov, key to the Don basin, the capture of Tatsinskaya having cut the strategic Stalingrad-Likhaya railway, which the Germans hoped to use as a defence. Soviet troops are now for the first time inside the German supply corridor leading through Rostov to the Caucasus battlefront, and Rostov itself has been converted into an important German munitions base and centre of reserves for the whole of the Stalingrad and Caucasus fronts.

Other Russian forces are driving deeper into the Ukraine, where a wide breach has been smashed in the German line north of Millerovo, through which Soviet tanks and infantry are pouring in a steady stream and fanning out in the rear of Germany's fortified line.

GERMAN RETREAT

"Germany's intended relief army is rolling back south-west of Stalingrad, leaving the encircled German divisions west of the city to their fate.

"In the Caucasus the Germans are retreating towards Nalchik, pursued by Soviet troops.

"On the central front the Red Army has advanced again and captured several strategic points near Veliki-Luki.

"Soviet forces have cut the Voronezh-Rostov railway line 15 miles below Millerovo. This key rail junction is now beleaguered from all sides.

"All through the Middle Don area Soviet troops are advancing on a wide front, and neither German garrisons nor hastily rushed-up reinforcements can slow the speed of their advance."

GERMAN REPORT

LONDON, Sunday.—The German News Agency said to-night:—"The German forces on the sector south of the Terek have withdrawn to new positions. This strengthening of the German lines, which was carried out according to plan, was concealed for three days. The ground gained by the Russians as a result of this German manœuvre has come to them without exertions of their own. When, after three days, they tried to catch up with stronger forces, their tanks were trapped and some of them destroyed by German anti-tank guns."—(Reuter.)

To-day's German communiqué said:—"In the Terek region Russian attacks were weaker than on the previous day. Troop concentrations were scattered partly by artillery fire. Enemy attacks between the Volga and the Don and in the Stalingrad region were repelled.

"In the great Don bend infantry and tank detachments, in a progressive counter-attack, threw the enemy further back towards the north, and took a number of places. A fairly strong group of enemy forces with tanks was encircled. On the central and northern sectors local attacks and enemy thrusts were repulsed. Day and night attacks of German bombers were directed against enemy assembly points and railways. In the sustained heavy fighting around the base of Velikie Luki the enemy yesterday suffered exceptionally heavy casualties through the stubborn German resistance. In Lapland the Kandalaska Railway was dive-bombed, heavy damage being caused."—(Reuter.)

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

MOSCOW, Sunday. — To-night's Soviet communiqué said:—"During December 27 our troops in the area of the Middle Don continued to develop their offensive, and occupied a number of inhabited localities, including six large places. South-west of Stalingrad our troops advanced ten to fifteen kilometres and occupied a number of inhabited localities, including ten large inhabited localities and two railway stations. Altogether in four days our troops advanced forty to sixty kilometres.

"On the Central Caucasian front south-east of Nalchik our troops continued to wage offensive engagements.

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — American dive-bombers from Guadalcanal Island have sunk a 3,000-ton Japanese vessel, states a United States Navy Department communiqué.—(Reuter.)

Scenes in Streets and Cafes

AN exiled Frenchman stood in the middle of O'Connell street on Thursday night, and saw Dublin "go to town."

"I have never seen anything like it abroad," he said, "not even in the South of France at Carnival Time. There is a gala atmosphere about Dublin on Christmas Eve that is only equalled in New York on New Year's Eve."

Dublin was thronged with people from an early hour. Shops, publichouses, restaurants and hotels were crowded long before midday, and as the day wore on the interior of hotels and publichouses began to resemble the grand stands at an international rugby match. Long queues formed outside all the restaurants.

Towards evening only those who had booked tables could get into the better-class restaurants and hotels; one restaurant had been entirely booked out over a fortnight before Christmas. Tea dances and supper dances were so well attended that there was barely any room to dance, but the bars were well patronised.

In one large Dublin theatre many people, unable to find room in the bar, took their "refreshments" into the auditorium and drank them there; the noise in the auditorium was so great that an appeal had to be made from the stage to allow the performance to continue.

In a well-known Dublin restaurant people stood on the tables and sang popular songs, loudly applauded by the assembled company.

MISSED THE 'BUS

When it was time to give up the festivities many people found that they had missed the last 'bus; others, who were lucky enough to live on the tram lines, joined the queues, which stretched far up O'Connell street. There was a very good tram service on the Dalkey line, but it was incapable of coping with the increased traffic, and the cabs did a good trade.

Most of the revellers walked home, and well into the early hours of the morning small parties could be seen sitting at the kerb, finishing what remained in their pocket flasks.

One man, attempting to walk the parapet across O'Connell Bridge, fell into the water. He swam to the nearest steps, where he was rescued by his friends.

All over the city was a litter of broken bottles, glasses, cigarette packets and pieces of paper. Withal, there were few casualties. The ambulance answered many calls in the course of the evening, but none of them was serious, and they were all entered into the ambulance record book as "Collapse, due to weakness," and forgotten. Indeed, many of them had departed, apparently of their own accord, by the time the ambulance arrived.

KING GEORGE CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

King George, in the course of his Christmas Day broadcast, said: "The message of Christmas remains eternal and unchanged; it is a message of thankfulness and of hope—of thankfulness to the Almighty for His great mercy; of hope for the return to this earth of peace and good-will."

This year, he said, it added to their happiness that they were sharing Christmas with so many of their comrades in arms from the United States of America. The recent victories won by the United Nations enabled him to speak "with firm confidence in the future."

After a brief review of the various battle fronts, the King said:—"We still have tasks ahead of us, perhaps harder even than those which we have already accomplished. We face these with confidence; for to-day we stand together, no longer ill-armed, but just as resolute as in the darkest hours to do our duty whatever comes."

There followed special references and messages of remembrance to those serving in the armed forces, to the wounded and the sick, and also a reminder that victory would bring them even greater world responsibilities, the King said:—

"Our European Allies, their sovereigns, heads and Governments, whom we are glad to welcome here in their distress, count on our aid to help them to return to their native lands and to rebuild the structure of a free and glorious Europe. On the sea, on land, in the air, and in civil life at home, a pattern of effort and mutual service is being traced which may guide those who design the picture of our future society.

"A former President of the United States of America used to tell of a boy who was carrying an even smaller child up a hill. Asked whether the heavy burden was not too much for him, the boy answered: 'It's not a burden; it's my brother.' So let us welcome the future in a spirit of brotherhood, and thus make a world in which, please God, all may dwell together in justice and in peace."

Labour and the Election

The holiday brought no easement of the tension in Labour circles centring round the selection of candidates for Dublin, townships, and County Dublin. The sitting members for the Dublin North-East constituency are: The Minister for Defence (Mr. Oscar Traynor), Alderman Alfred Byrne, and General R. Mulcahy. It is considered most unlikely that Labour could capture a seat in this stronghold. A view held is that, with the defection of Mr. Michael Price, Mr. James Larkin, senior, may be put on the panel, but when this possibility was canvassed in well-informed quarters it was learned that such a contingency was not likely to emerge from the present seeming chaos.

A clause in the Labour Party constitution which may arise for discussion at the meeting of the Administrative Council on 12th January reads:—"That no person shall be nominated for selection as a candidate for Dail Eireann unless he is an individual member of the party for not less than twelve months."

Died from Burns

Raymond Cusack (5), of 8 North Wall, Dublin, one of three children admitted to Jervis Street Hospital, on Tuesday last, suffering from burns, died on Thursday. Apparently the children—two brothers and a sister—were playing with a toy cinematograph projector when the film went on fire and they were burned.

A decree of the Supreme Soviet yesterday says that New Year's Day will be a day of rest in place of Sunday, January 3.—(Reuter.)

"IF EIRE IS FORCED TO FIGHT"

Mr. de Valera's Broadcast

"WE are not unmindful of what other peoples are suffering, and we sympathise with them in their terrible anxieties," said the Taoiseach, Mr. de Valera, in his Christmas Day broadcast.

"We sympathise especially with the millions of families in the countries at war linked to us by the closest of human ties," he continued. "At this festival time they are particularly near to us. In many an Irish home to-day sons and daughters and dear ones absent in other lands will have been especially remembered, and many a heartfelt prayer offered for their safety and well-being."

On those whose incomes are small, he went on, also the war has pressed heavily. The shortage of certain commodities and the rise in prices have made it increasingly difficult for some families to find the means of subsistence. Many, ordinarily in constant employment, are now without work. Thousands have to leave their families to seek employment abroad. Our resolve must be to mitigate those hardships, to equalise the burdens as far as possible, and to come to the aid of those least able to fend for themselves.

THE FIRST DUTY

"Whilst we cannot but look into the future with anxiety, there is no reason why we should look into it with dread. Our fathers fought and endured, and the nation survived. Our first duty, therefore, is to fit ourselves by the most thorough preparation for the successful prosecution of that fight, should it ever be forced upon us.

"Short of the stress of actual war, the resources of our land are sufficient for the primary necessities. Happily, our farmers are rising to the demands the nation has made upon them. This year they had made sure of the nation's bread. Next year we must ask them to make doubly sure of it. The margin of safety is yet too small.

"What the farmers have already done," he added, "calls for a tribute from each one of us, and, speaking as the head of the Government, I gladly pay it."

They needed all the nation's best brains, he said, to work on the transport problem, and no one should be deterred from setting up a plant to produce any national necessity by the thought that the war might be over before the plant was ready. There was no good ground, short of God's mercy, for believing that this war would be a short one. When the day came for peace to be made, it would only be a peace founded on justice and charity that would endure. They should pray, then, that the Prince of Peace would so inspire the world's leaders that the peace they made would be a just one.

Attack on a Senator

Young men, armed with razor blades, attacked Senator Sean Campbell and his wife as they were boarding a Kimmage 'bus on Christmas evening. One of the men, Senator Campbell told an *Irish Times* reporter, slashed at his head with a razor blade. The blade pierced the stout felt hat and leather lining, but did not do him any injury. His wife's fur coat was also damaged. Showing the rents in his clothes, Senator Campbell said that he could not say why such an outrage should have been committed. He had communicated with the police.

Some 3,000 houses were destroyed in a third earthquake on Saturday in Turkey, about 100 miles south-east of Smyrna, says German radio.—(Reuter.)

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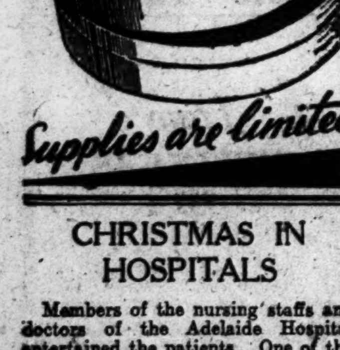

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CHRISTMAS IN HOSPITALS

Members of the nursing staffs and doctors of the Adelaide Hospital entertained the patients. One of the doctors, in the rôle of "Father Christmas," distributed the toys to the little ones.

A number of life governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables provided an excellent dinner for the patients. Among the helpers were: Sir W. H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (chairman); Messrs. E. N. Edwards, A. G. Hollinshead, A. G. Quirke, Dr. T. Smith, the Misses Molony, Miss Storey, Mrs. W. V. Jones, Miss A. Morton, Lady Superintendent; Dr. M. Hegarty (R.M.O.), and Mr. W. V. Jones, Registrar.

The patients of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot street, were also treated to an excellent dinner and musical entertainment.

The Legion of Mary provided a concert for the patients of the City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital, Hume street.

Patients at the Temple Street Children's Hospital were entertained on Sunday afternoon by members of the Society of Irish Magicians, including Messrs. J. A. J. Palmer (Jappe), President; E. F. Thorpe, W. Condell, H. Lambert and M. F. Rogers.

Instead of their usual fare of ham and plum pudding, the inmates of St. Kevin's Hospital this year were provided with eggs, jam and carrageen for their Christmas dinner.

SEAMEN FETED

One hundred and thirteen seamen from ships berthed in Dublin port were entertained to dinner at the Missions to Seamen Institute, Eden quay, on Christmas night. After dinner there was a Carol Service at the Leinster Memorial Church and a cinema show in the Institute. All present received Christmas parcels of woollens, etc.

ROYAL SCHOOL, ARMAGH
SUCCESSES CONTINUE

At a meeting of the Governors of the Royal School, Armagh, held on the 14th December, 1942, under the Chairmanship of His Grace the Lord Primate, the headmaster, Mr. W. Hutchings, M.A. (Cantab), submitted an account of the events of the school year 1941-'42. The account was private to the meeting, but the Board desired that the following parts of it should be published:—

In the Sizarship Examinations at Trinity College, Dublin, the run of successes which had come to Armagh boys without a break in the four previous years had continued for a fifth year, making the truly remarkable total of nine Sizarships awarded to boys of the school in five successive years. In the current year the run might, indeed, be said to have accelerated. To W. G. Callaghan were awarded the first Mathematical Sizarship and the first Entrance Scholarship of £80, making a total of £130 a year for four years. This would have been a notable enough occasion for satisfaction had it occurred singly, but a third award, this time the first Experimental Science Sizarship, was made to another Armagh boy, W. J. Megaw, the head boy of the school. In addition he was awarded the Purser prize, which was given to the top boy of the Experimental Science and Natural Science groups taken together. Megaw had also entered the Queen's University Scholarship arena, and had been equally successful there. Two of their leading awards were made to him, and he was, therefore, in the happy position of being able to choose between scholarships from two Universities. He had chosen Queen's.

The Board of Governors desired that their pride and satisfaction in the report should be made known.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
IMPORTANCE OF THE HOME

Men are planning for a new Ireland, a new Britain, a new world, and they must remember that the basic unity of society is the home, said the Dean of Christ Church (the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby, D.D.), preaching in the Cathedral on Christmas Day.

Nowadays, said the Dean, the Christian home was set in the midst of many and great dangers. The complexity of modern life, the imperative calls on men's time, the thirst for excitement, the flashy attractiveness of amusements in public places, the selfish refusal of parents to rear a family, and the requirements of a State-controlled society tended to draw folk away from the simple joys of home. Our modern world was threatening the existence of the Christian home. There was a call for a careful and thorough inquiry regarding the home and its implications.

GLANCE BACKWARDS

This year's St. Stephen's Day lecture at Christ Church Cathedral was by the Rev. Dr. Wyse Jackson, whose subject was "The Cathedral in the 18th Century." In the unavoidable absence of Dr. Jackson, the lecture was read by the Rev. Canon Cave, Rector of Malahide.

Up to 1870, said the lecturer, the nave of the cathedral was not used for worship, the Services being held in the long choir. He referred to the controversy in the earliest part of the eighteenth century, between the Dean and Chapter and the Archbishop about the Archbishop's right of visitation, and said that it was during this period—in 1729—that Dean Swift read and made the scathing comment on The Annals of Cæsar Baronius. Better days came under the government of Charles Cobbe, Dean from 1731 to 1743.

Civil Servant's Sudden Death.—Miss Eileen Crean, of Palmerston road, Dublin, was at work in the Department of Industry and Commerce Buildings at 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve when she collapsed. She was dead on admittance to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Leopardstown Programme

FOR the second afternoon's racing at Leopardstown holds promise to be of better strength than on Saturday, over 100 horses having been declared as runners. The Three Years Old Hurdle is an attractive event, and may be won by Knee High, who scored so well at Naas. Selections:—

Tower Hurdle—**Sweet Eileen.**

Three Years Old Hurdle—**Knee High.**

Shankill Hurdle—**Cratloe Castle.**

Silverpark Steeplechase—**Knocknagoran.**

Bray Steeplechase—**Colehill.**

Stillorgan Flat Race—**Whelan.**

Curragh Selections—1.45, Roseton; 2.15, Golspie; 2.45, Clogher Head; 3.15, Knocknagoran; 3.45, On the Go; 4.10, Whelan.

Tote Double on Third and Fifth Races.

1.45—TOWER HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. About 2 m. Age st. lb.

Sweet Eileen (W. J. Phelan) Kirwan 5 12 7
Shirley Lad (Mrs. E. J. King) C. Harty 6 12 3
Archduke II. (J. P. McAuley) J. F. Banahan a 12 6
Passport II. (Miss D. Paget) C. Rogers a 11 8
Rockleigh (7lb. ex.) (J. A. Farrell) Owner a 11 4
Barghora (Mrs. B. M. O'Rourke) Osborne 5 11 0
Roseton (D. of St. Albans) Fetherston 4 10 11
Sunburn II. (Miss Paget) C. Rogers a 10 10
Sylvia Who (Liam O'Reilly) Private 4 10 7
Le Cygne (Miss Paget) Walker a 10 6
Prester Lily (Mrs. P. J. Lenehan) Lenehan 6 10 6
Mark Twain (D. Malone) Owner 6 10 [illegible]
Queer Boss (— P. Dodd) C. Harty 5 10 [illegible]
Smiths (E. Delany) Owner 6 9 12
Boonara (G. A. Pilsworth) Slektor, jun. a 9 11
Sunny Tol (Mrs. A. Gill) Flynn a 9 7

2.15—THREE YEARS OLD HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 1½ m. st. lb.

Knee High (Miss E. Shortiss) B. Nugent 11 [illegible]
Mr. Tiger (J. A. Farrell) Owner 11 [illegible]
Queen's Ever (H. H. Beasley) Owner 11 [illegible]
Golspie (H. S. Gill) D. Rogers 11 [illegible]
Gay Primrose (D. Malone) Owner 11 [illegible]
Nasty Earl (Miss Paget) C. Rogers 11 [illegible]
Seyton (P. J. Lenehan) Owner 11 [illegible]
Dandy Nun (J. V. Rank) Owner 11 [illegible]
Quiahorne (Miss M. Neville) P. McGrath 11 [illegible]
Ballynure (Sir T. Dixon) Brabazon 11 0
Miller (Lt.-Col. F. F. MacCabe) Ussher 11 0
Empress Josephine (T. P. Downes) Owner 10 9
Clever Hill (E. V. Kelly) J. J. Power 10 9
Bray Garter (D. Frame) W. Byrne 10 9
Winstone (Sir Ernest Goff) H. M. Ryan 10 9
Path of Glory (B. Kerr) T. Nugent 10 9
Great Patrick (W. Noble) Owner 10 9
Scotch Queen (J. J. Parkinson) Owner 10 9
Agrarian (J. J. Parkinson) Owner 10 9
Matona (Mrs. K. Kelly) Kelly 10 9

2.45—SHANKILL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2½ m. Age st. lb.

Clogher Head (Mrs. A. P. Reynolds) Osborne 5 12 3
Sweet Eileen (W. J. Phelan) Kirwan 5 12 2
Pride of Rheims (T. G. Fletcher) J. J. Power a 11 7
Fergus O'Farrell (Mrs. I. Latham) Ussher a 11 6
Jenkinstown (G. J. Ellis) A. F. Prendergast a 11 5
Passport II. (Miss Paget) C. Rogers a 11
Ballyhoe (J. F. Sutherland) T. Nugent 6 10 8
Cratloe Castle (D. Frame) W. Byrne 5 10 8
Glenastrip (Mrs. H. H. Beasley) H. Beasley 4 10 7
Sunburn II. (Miss Paget) C. Rogers a 10 6
Brodeens (Mrs. E. McGrath) J. Parkinson a 10 2
Monk's Mistake (Capt. H. de Burgh) Fetherston 5 10 1
Sweet Peach (D. Malone) Owner 5 10 0
Gold Emblem (Miss Paget) C. Rogers 6 9 12
My Gallant Grey (J. A. Doran) Ruttle 4 9 10
Bright Earl (T. Field) W. J. Byrne a 9 [illegible]
Rockaway (A. J. Cope) Kirwan 5 9 [illegible]
Nimple (E. Delany) Owner 5 9 [illegible]
Daisy's Apron (P. McCarvans) Mangan 5 9 7
Tidings (F. Mullen) Turner 5 9 7

3.15—SILVERPARK MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2m. 175yds. Age st. lb.

Gold Plate (Miss O. C. McNeilis) Cummins a 11 6
First Impression (Jos. Stewart) Ruttle a 11 6
Sentry Boy (D. Malone) Owner 6 11 6
Hush Tommy (Miss Paget) C. Rogers 5 11 6
Knocknagoran (J. Grant) Walker 5 11 6
Hamlet (Miss Paget) C. Rogers 4 11 0
Ballyfeighan (J. Coleman) Owner 5 11 6
Peter's Gift (Jos. McGrath) Arnott 6 11 6
Cottage Hunt (Mrs. A. Simmons) Brabazon a 11 6
Monkshood (Mrs. A. Simmons) Brabazon 6 11 6
Sam's Pride (T. J. Mangan) Owner 6 11 6
Western Dandy (F. W. Higgins) Browne 4 11 0
Ton of Silver (D. of St. Albans) Fetherston 4 11 0
Sir Echo (F. J. Taaffe) Owner 4 11 0

3.45—BRAY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2m. 175yds. Age st. lb.

Housewarmer (7lb. ex.) (Miss Paget) C. Rogers 5 11 10
On the Go (Mrs. G. Sweetman) Osborne 6 11 7
Ballyan Hill (Miss Paget) C. Rogers a 11 6
Heirdom (H. Quinn) Kirwan a 11 5
Colehill (Miss P. O'Leary) Walker a 11 5
Drumbilla (John Cox) Owner a 11 5
Persian Rose (J. J. Parkinson) Owner a 10 8
Achilles (J. V. Rank) Fetherston a 10 8
Bray Glen (D. Frame) W. Byrne a 10 1
Agag (Jos. Kelly) W. Cleary a 10 0
Tanya's Knight (Miss Paget) C. Rogers a 10 5
Burnished Gold (W. Dunne) Taaffe 6 10 0

4.10—STILLORGAN MAIDEN FLAT RACE of 100 sovs. About 2m. Age st. lb.

Sovereign (Lord Bicester) Fetherston 6 11 7
Vanity (J. E. Bower) D. Rogers 4 11 7
Pan Roll (L. T. Byrne) Owner 6 11 7
Glengariff (John Cox) Owner 4 11 7
Eda (Capt. F. ffrench Davis) Owner 4 11 2
Emerald (Jos. Kelly) W. Cleary 5 11 7
Last Battle (T. O'Rourke) Owner 4 11 7
Cooley (Desmond O'Hagan) F. Ward 4 11 7
Whelan (O'C. J. O'Reilly) Walker 5 11 7
Romulus (Miss Paget) C. Rogers 5 11 7
Home Farm (Miss Paget) C. Rogers 4 11 7
Clear Bank (W. M. Thompson) Owner 5 11 7
Woodland Eagle (Mrs. T. Whittle) T. Hyde 6 11 7
Greilan's Battle (Matthew Farrell) D. Farrell 5 11 7
Turnover (Mrs. R. Hoate) Private 4 11 7
Derrygleugher (W. J. Kavanagh) Owner 5 11 7
Slieve Dub (W. J. Kelly) Owner 6 11 7
Castle Adamant (J. G. Litton) Magee 6 11 7
Falcarragh (J. A. Mangan) Owner 6 11 7
Judge Chaucer (J. J. Parkinson) Owner 4 11 7
Summer Star (M. C. H. Purcell) Owner 5 11 7
Tonton Bay (R. R. Smyth) Owner 5 11 7
Sunway (Jos. Stewart) Owner 6 11 7
Essex Yeoman (J. D. Vance) Owner 4 11 7
Irishtown (Mrs. M. Walshe) J. P. Walshe 5 11 7

Clear Lead for Cork

CORK .... 3 SHELBOURNE 0

CORK UNITED forged ahead to a clear lead in the league table with a well-deserved win over Shelbourne, at the Mardyke yesterday. It was a ding-dong fight, with plenty of excitement and good football. Shelbourne did more than hold their own in the first half, and, indeed, might have been in the lead at the interval had their forwards made full use of their opportunities. Their defenders, of whom Kinsella, right-full; Fallon, centre-half, and Mullally, left-half, were best, held the Cork attack, while the forwards were clever in approach work, but weak in front of goal. Kennedy, Gannon and Hayden made plenty of opportunities, but Cassidy lost possible scores through lack of speed.

The first half was scoreless. Cork took the lead immediately after the resumption, when O'Driscoll headed home Keane's centre. Shortly afterwards Cork lost Desmond, centre-half, through injury, and played with ten men for the remainder of the game. After fifty-five minutes Dunne headed a second from O'Driscoll's corner, and after seventy minutes Madden beat Daly with a ground shot for a third. Two minutes later Dunne netted, but the score was disallowed. Shelbourne made sporadic raids, but they could not break through a grand defence, in which Hayes, Noonan and Duffy did great work.

THE LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cork United...	8	6	0	2	18	4	12
Limerick	8	5	1	2	22	11	11
Dundalk	8	4	2	2	15	12	10
Shelbourne ...	8	4	1	3	17	12	9
James's Gate...	8	3	3	2	14	9	9
Drumcondra...	8	4	1	3	19	16	9
Shamrock R....	8	3	2	3	19	15	8
Bohemians	8	2	3	3	10	17	7
Bray	8	1	1	6	8	35	3
Brideville	8	0	2	6	10	21	2

FINE VICTORY FOR BOHEMIANS

BOHEMIANS... 4 DRUMCONDRA 2

Two goals scored by Bohemians in the first half-hour of their league match with Drumcondra, at Dalymount Park yesterday, paved the way to victory by 4-2; but the luck was against the visitors when what seemed a legitimate goal by McNamara, just before the interval, was disallowed for off-side. It was a fast, robust, and stubbornly-contested game, the deciding factor of which was the powerful defence of the amateurs. The full-backs, in particular, were magnificent in their sure tackling and strong kicking, and the forwards, with the "C" team player, Lavelle (a very promising lad, indeed), on the right wing, maintained to the end the cracking pace they set at the beginning.

Drumcondra, despite their hard Cup final of the day before, played with their customary spirit and resolve. The defence was excellent, but, as on Saturday, there was a lack of balance forward.

Of the six goals, the best by far was the fourth, which M. O'Flanagan led up to. Breaking away on the left, with ten minutes to go, he wriggled through the defence, and, seeing Horlacher better placed, he passed to him, and his captain, with a powerful drive, clinched the issue and brought about Drumcondra's third defeat.

The scorers were:—First half—Ward and Lavelle for Bohemians; O'Brien for Drumcondra; second half—McNamara (Drumcondra), M. O'Flanagan (Bohemians) and Horlacher (Bohemians).

LIMERICK HELD

BRIDEVILLE ... 2 LIMERICK ... 2

True to their reputation of worrying the leading teams, Brideville held Limerick to a draw at Harold's Cross yesterday. The home team held the lead twice in the first half, in which all the scoring was done; but almost throughout the second period they were outplayed by a team which produced delightful touches but lacked finish.

As usual, the Brideville defence was very sound. Webster, Keegan, Kelly and the halves doing fine work; but, apart from Byrne in the early stages, the forwards were easily held. Limerick had dangerous forwards in Walsh and M. Doherty, while Jenkins's shooting power was a menace, but the wings were indifferent.

From the kick-off Brideville swept down, and after an interchange of passes between O'Brien and Byrne the latter beat Harrington all the way with a lovely shot. Straighaway Limerick went to the other end, and J. O'Mahony converted a penalty for a foul on Walsh—two goals in about sixty seconds. Eight minutes later Byrne got a second goal for Brideville with another well-placed shot, and five minutes from the interval Limerick were level again, when Jenkins got in a hard drive from a free kick.

DUNDALK RALLY

DUNDALK ...... 4 JAMES'S GATE... 2

After being two goals behind after fifteen minutes, Dundalk rallied at Oriel Park yesterday, and beat St. James's Gate 4-2. The Gate's early lead, due to the opportunism and strong shooting of Donal Flanagan, was against the run of the play. The Dundalk half-back line dictated the game, and the home forwards blended so well and moved so quickly that the Gate defenders, after a gruelling match the previous day, were leg weary. In the closing stages Dundalk were definitely on top, and only three great saves by Murtagh, one from McArdle and two from McDonald, kept the winning margin down.

The Dundalk wingers, Barlowe and McDonald, were the stars on the winning side, while Doran, at centre, was impossible to hold. Donal Flanagan's two early goals were gems, but afterwards Leatham held him tightly. Robinson was the Gate's best winger and Murtagh and Noonan defended well.

Shortly after Flanagan's second goal Doran headed through for Dundalk, and the equaliser came when the ball entered the net off a Gate defender from a header by McArdle. McDonald got the third after 40 minutes and the fourth in the second half.

BRAY ROUTED

ROVERS........... 7 BRAY............ 1

Shamrock Rovers had an easy win over Bray Unknowns at Milltown yesterday by 7-1. The home team led 4-1 at half-time, the scorers being Lanigan, Coad, Crowe and Simminson (own goal) for Rovers, and Redmond for Bray. In the second half Dempsey missed a penalty for Bray and Clarke for Rovers. Crowe and Delaney (2) scored for the home team. Lannigan was off injured for the greater part of the game, towards the end of which Redmond, the Bray centre forward, was sent to the pavilion.

LEINSTER CUP FINAL

DRUMCONDRA .. 4 JAMES'S GATE .. 2

It was not until the Drumcondra forwards abandoned the idea of trying to overcome the Gate's backs by head-ball that they gained the upper hand. That was in the second half, when the much more productive method of keeping the ball on the turf yielded three fine goals. Up to the scoring of the winners' third, St. James's Gate always had a chance, but O'Brien's header to beat Murtagh took the heart out of the Gate.

Drumcondra's half-backs won the match. As a unit, Mulville, McGlynn and O'Mara were more effective than O'Reilly, Clarke and Creevy. They were the oftener in touch with their forwards, and McGlynn's close marking of Flanagan helped a lot to disjoint the Crumlin front line. O'Rourke, on the left wing, was the sprightliest of the five, and his accurate centring deserved a better reward. Murtagh was off for the last quarter hour of the first half, during which Flanagan kept goal and brought off two excellent saves.

Ward opened the scoring for Drumcondra after twelve minutes, doubling round Murray, who waited for the whistle to go for offside. Five minutes later Smith headed the equaliser, but it really was O'Reilly's goal. It was one-all at half-time. O'Brien again gave Drumcondra the lead ten minutes after resuming, but a rasper close in by Smith made it two-all. O'Brien's third (30 mins.) was quickly followed by the fourth, from McNamara. Flanagan, from the penalty mark, shot straight at Flynn.

League of Ireland 3, F.A. of Ireland 2.—At Tolka Park on Christmas Day, a big crowd saw the match in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Scorers for the League were Smith (Brideville) (2) and Glennon (Bohemians), and for the F.A., Dunne (Bohemians) and Bagnell (Distillery), penalty.

North Regional League.—No change has taken place in the positions of the leading teams as a result of the Christmas holidays, Linfield still being on top. Their meeting with Celtic attracted a huge crowd on Christmas Day, and the result was two each. Derry City beat Cliftonville 4-1, and Glentoran defeated Distillery 2-1. On Saturday Linfield beat Cliftonville 4-1, and Celtic accounted for Distillery 5-1, while Derry City did well to make a 3-3 draw with Glentoran in Belfast. Steel and Son Cup Final, Christmas Day—Larne Olympic 4, Victory Works 1.

CHRISTMAS DAY SWIMS.

Clontarf—1, P. Etchingham; 2, S. Fitzpatrick; 3, J. Bowman. Ladies—P. Dunne.

North Dublin.—Scully Cup — 1, E. McKeon; 2, F. Donegan; 3, L. Reid. O'Reilly Cup—1, P. Murphy; 2, P. Condon; 3, J. Plunkett.

Republican Ladies—1, K. Barton; 2, E. Chandler; 3, E. Kennedy.

Sandycove—1, J. Cummins; 2, J. O'Toole; 3, D. Digby.

Half Moon—1, M. Dalton; 2, J. Rafter; 3, E. Burtenshaw.

Bray Cove—1, A. O'Neill; 2, J. O'Brien; 3, M. Dempsey.

Half Moon S.C. (Winter Points Competition), held yesterday—1, J. Rafter; 2, B. Collinge; 3, E. Rafter.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Oldest of our athletic fixtures, the Waterhouse-Byrne-Baird Shield race of the Donore Harriers, was held on Saturday in the Phœnix Park, when a field of twenty-two took part in the annual ten miles handicap trophy. F. Daly was on 11 mins., the limit being 12, and he lost little time in overhauling the three men to whom he was set to give a start, to beat R. McGuirk (11 mins.) by 54 secs., with L. Cooling (6 mins.) in third place. Fastest time went to one of the scratchmen, S. Banks, who returned 63 mins. 42 secs.

Northern Hockey.—Anderson Cup final: Lisnagarvey 3, Queen's University (holders) 2.

HOSPITALS' 'CHASE

Thirty entries have been received for the £500 Hospitals' Handicap 'Chase, to be run at Naas on Saturday, February 13th, over 3 miles 76 yards. Included in the entries are Lord Sefton's Medoc II., Mr. Arthur Donn's Argental and Miss Paget's Roman Hackle, three recent importations from England. Miss Paget has entered seven horses. Entries are:—

Housewarmer, 6; Saffron Hill, a.; Golden Jack, a.; Roman Hackle, a.; Steel Flame, 6; Kilstar, a.; Sir Sen, a.; Multy Duck, a.; Workman, a.; Knocknagoran, a.; Hallowvein, a.; On the Go, a.; National Lad, a.; Barghora, 6; Ruby Loch, a.; Argental, a.; Reveal, Golden View II., a.; Crafty Prince, a.; Medoc II., a.; Waving Star, a.; Sea Tol, a.; Prince Regent, a.; Godstone, a.; Knight of Clones, a.; West Point, a.; Heirdom, a.; Slang, 6; Brown Admiral, a.; Tanya's Knight, a.

BRIGHT RUGBY'S BRIEF SPELL

BECTIVE-WESLEY 22
BLACKROCK SEL. 13

The holiday game at Donnybrook on Saturday started at such a pace that the majority of the players "blew up" before half-time, and it became rather a scrambling affair in the second half. There were two late changes on the Blackrock XV.; F. Quinn dropped out, and A. McElhinney replaced him, while J. Creedon played on the right wing for K. O'Flanagan. These changes reduced the possibilities of a back division which already was weaker on paper than the opposing lot, and Bective-Wesley won by 3 goals (1 penalty) and 3 tries (22 points) to 2 goals (1 dropped, 1 penalty) and 2 tries (13 points).

The opening minutes provided brilliant football. From the kick-off the Bective-Wesley backs got into action, and perfectly-timed orthodox passing saw K. Doyle cross in the corner. Then Thorpe dropped a goal for Blackrock, but faultless passing and handling by half a dozen players, backs and forwards, finished with K. O'Brien scoring, for Carry to convert. Next N. McConnell intercepted at half-way and beat Redmond with a swerve to score between the posts, Carry again converting. Blackrock hit back with a try by O'Sullivan from a line-out, leaving it 13-7 at half-time.

The second half was more pedestrian, but after J. Doyle had put Bective-Wesley further ahead with a try Blackrock reduced the margin to three points, when Milroy scored a try and Thorpe kicked a penalty; but Carry with a penalty goal and Wolfe with a try decided the result for Bective-Wesley.

Considering the season of the year, the game provided quite good entertainment for the big crowd which supported the charity. The outstanding back on the field was Carry, whose boundless energy allied to his enterprise in opening up the game provided the main reason for his side's victory. Wolfe gave him a good service from the scrum, and the Quinn brothers did some very clever things; while N. McConnell was the best wing on the field.

The Blackrock backs could not compare in attack, the passing being somewhat clumsy, and there was a tendency to run across. Norton was the better full back, Redmond being rather weak in tackling. The struggle between the packs was fairly level, K. O'Brien and Aird doing good work for the winners, while O'Sullivan was a particularly hard worker for Blackrock, for whom Headon had some strong bursts in the open.

LANSDOWNE WIN

LANSDOWNE... 8 WANDERERS... 3

More enterprise on the part of their backs, who showed much greater pace than those of Wanderers, enabled Lansdowne to gain a merited win by a goal and a try to a try over their neighbours at Lansdowne road on Saturday. It was a fairly fast game, but there were few exciting incidents.

Rather against the run of the play, Wanderers led at half-time, N. Taylor having crossed for an unconverted try.

A fine individual effort by P. Warren brought a try for Lansdowne, to which N. Burke added the extra points; and near the end M. O'Flanagan used his speed to advantage when, after kicking ahead, he followed up for the winners' second try.

Northern Results.—N.I.F.C. 16 pts., Co. Antrim 8; Queen's University 3, Dungannon 0.

Wanderers' Schoolboys.—Practice to-day at Lansdowne road, 3 o'clock.

North Munster Trial.—Garryowen-Young Munster 6, Army-Bohemians 0—at Limerick.

Holiday Coursing

NORTH KILKENNY

NORTH KILKENNY CUP (10 all ages)—Darcy McGee beat Winter Light; Editor's Question beat Athletic Hero; Irish Plane beat Galmoy Hero; West Alive beat Debora; Down the Dee beat Musher's Cutlet.

Second Round—Editor's Question beat Darcy McGee; Irish Plane beat West Alive; Down the Dee a bye.

Third Round—Down the Dee beat Editor's Question; Irish Plane a bye.

Decider—Mr. W. Rowley's Irish Plane (Nomen Alterum—Rising Plane) beat Miss O'Doherty's Down the Dee (Rowley Regis—Did-Ja-Kum).

TRIAL STAKES (8 dogs)—**Decider**—Mr. N. Teehan's Texas Tom (Lenin's Ring—Tempest) beat Iris for Inler.

TRIAL STAKES (8 bitches)—**Decider**—Mrs. McEvoy's Eileen's Wonder (Wireless Rally—Dundara) beat Tid's Ring.

KNOCKMANNAN STAKES (8 2-course)—Divided between Daring Rally and Cold Radio.

LISDOWNEY STAKES (8 2-course)—Divided between Wireless Biddy and Crystal Glide.

BALLYMENA

McALINDEN CUP (11 all ages)—**Decider**—Mr. T. McLarnon's Dancing Model (Model Moon—Dancing Through) beat Mr. M. F. Roche's Fenian Brigade (Man o' Man—Fretful).

TRIAL STAKES (16 dogs)—**Decider**—Mr. R. Noble's Jaded Escort (Shule Aroon—Never Reel) beat Messrs. J. and B. McKenna's Marguerite's Boy (Waterford Glass—Marguerite).

TRIAL STAKES (16 bitches)—**Decider**—Mr. J. Edgar's Joyous Empress (Shule Aroon—Never Reel) beat Mr. W. Kennedy's Winsome Kiss (Shule Aroon—Crescent Girl).

MEMBERS' STAKES (16 2-course)—**Decider**—Mr. S. Marks's Myroe Cook (Myroe Creamery—Myroe Maiden) beat Swiller.

MEMBERS' STAKES (16 2-course)—**Decider**—Mr. J. Cunningham's Golden Regis (Rowley Regis—Emily Kiwi) beat Mr. R. McCartney's Dandy Bob.

Irish Cup—Still Hope

A circular has gone out to the Irish Cup nominators asking them to vote in favour or otherwise of the fixture, regardless of the difficulties, being held later in the season at Clounanna. The result of this plebiscite will be considered at a special meeting of the Standing Committee to be held at Limerick Junction on December 31.

CORK

GAME PROTECTION CUP (30 two-course)—**Decider** — Mrs. B. Horgan's Loose on the Lead (Gurrane Cottage—Sunny Belle) beat Mr. T. P. McCarthy's Lucky House (Lovable Outlaw — The Brown Bomber).

TRIAL STAKES (10 dogs)—**Decider**—Mr. M. Cronin's Musical Capture (Man o' Man—Romola's Pet Again) beat Mr. D. Donnelly's Belvedere Border (Creamery Border—Sallynoggin).

TRIAL STAKES (10 bitches)—**Decider**—Mr. M. Cronin's Musical Cook (Man o' Man—Romola's Pet Again) beat Mrs. M. O'Connell's Kitty Iris (Inler Iris—Be Careful Kitty).

CARRIGROHANE STAKES (12 all-ages)—**Decider**—Mr. T. J. Walsh's Cool Avon (J. H.—Better Tap) beat Mr. J. P. Curtin's Monarch of the Glen (Carolina Prince—Turn of the Glen).

BALLINORA STAKES (16 one-course) divided between Mr. D. Desmond's Ballyphehane Lass and Mr. M. O'Connell's Top of Kilcrea.

ST. MARGARET'S

TRIAL STAKE (16 dogs).—**Decider**—Mr. J. Lynsky's Kilbannon (Delight—Ocean Princess) beat Mr. M. Weldon's Border Legion (Creamery Border—Noreside Ruby).

TRIAL STAKE (12 bitches).—**Decider**—Mr. J. McCormack's Trailstown (Jamestown—Glantrail) beat Mr. W. D. Reilly's Coastal Breeze (Carolina Prince—Breezy Win).

MUNSTER AND LEINSTER CUP (4 all-ages).—**Decider**—Mrs. Murphy's Seskin Rambler (Sandiway — Lady Blessington) beat Mr. R. Craigie's Harristown Sandy (White Sandills—Cissi Grissina).

COULTRY STAKE (1 one-course).—**Decider**—Mr. E. Delaney's Bravado (Hell-fire Mickey—Initiation) beat Mr. P. J. Powderly's Buzz On Pet (Buzz On Dick—Gold Tooth Love).

KINGSTON STAKE (16 one-course).—Divided between Mr. P. Caul's Knockderk Star (Good Minstrel—Dainty Treasure) and Mr. J. Doherty's From Owen (Mode Moon—Plain Stitch).

DUNDALK

MOORLAND STAKES.—**Decider**—Mrs. M. Falkner's Eba beat Mr. T. Hutchinson's Master Lumbe.

TRIAL STAKES (13 dogs).—**Decider**—Mr. W. Dargan's Gracious Lad declared the winner; same owner's Gracious Boy drawn.

DUNDALK STAKES (13 2-course).—**Decider**—Mr. J. McCaffrey's Manly Brave beat Mr. F. Cooper's Fine Wedding.

DOWDALLSHILL STAKES—Divided between Mr. J. Finan's Ballybunty and Mr. J. Donaghy's Divine Beauty.

WEXFORD

LOC GARMAN CUP (32 all-ages)—The following are left in:—Paddy Molloy, Roman Fancy, Fair Major, Frisky Bid, Wiser Then, Red Cross Lassie, Shining Bright, Mabel's Toff.

TRALEE

BALLYBEGGAN CUP (38 all-ages)—The following are left in:—Hilltown Lad, Faithful Man, Wireless Invader, Bryan's Speed, Maryanne's Pup.

GOLF CLUB RESULTS

Howth.—Fourball: G. Griffin (9) and P. Noonan (15) 6 up; T. A. Nicoll (4) and D. Sheehan (16), M. Corcoran (10) and P. O'Shea (16), G. Kelly (4) and J. W. Bourke (13), 2 up.

Milltown.—Fourball: H. Symmons (15) and T. Gorevan (15), 7 up; E. Telford (9) and S. O'Connor (15), 5 up; G. Greene (13) and R. T. Cherry (18), 5 up.

Sutton.—Fourball: M. Fitzpatrick (4) and T. Fitzpatrick (11), 5 up; T. Moran (11) and W. J. Chapman (10), J. A. Doyle (8) and H. Leopold (24), 2 up. Saturday—Medal, 12 holes, strokes.

Portmarnock. — Nine holes fourball—First nine: J. Driver and M. Cuddy, 6 up; J. Driver and G. M. Purcell, 5 up; G. Nash and C. Culhane, 5 up. Second nine: E. C. Powell and C. Ewing, 5 up; J. H. Coolican and M. Hennigan, 3 up; G. Nash and C. Culhane, 5 up. Saturday—Fourball: G. Nash and C. Culhane, 6 up; S. Clarke and C. Stack, 6 up.

Greystones.—Fourball: S. Henderson (14) and C. H. West (4), 3 up; J. D. Parsons (4) and R. A. French (18), 3 up. Mixed fourball: C. West (4) and Mrs. Lister (15), 4 up; R. D. Barry (18) and Miss N. Oulton (9), 1 up.

Dun Laoghaire.—Fourball: E. F. Duke and F. Whitney, 8 up; J. A. O'Keeffe and C. W. Harrison, 7 up.

Royal Dublin.—Semi-open fourball: J. F. McLoughlin (+1) and G. D. Cox (9), 8 up; J. J. O'Hanlon (2) and B. Smyth (9), J. E. Curran (6) and D. J. Connor (12), S. Walsh (9) and P. Tierney (16), A. Breadnach (16) and D. Larkin (18), 6 up.

Castle.—Fourball—I.: T. V. Commins (7) and M. H. Gill (7), 6 up; S. R. Flitton (7) and F. H. Knee (8), 6 up. II.: B. Hemingway (11) and G. B. Mortier (12), 3 up; G. H. McLean (12) and T. S. Williamson (9), 2 up.

Bray.—Fourball—W. F. Keys and M. P. Doyle, 6 up; T. P. Levins and F. Knott, 4 up.

Grange.—Strokes—I.: A. E. O'Connor (4), 75; A. F. Gray (11), 76. II.: H. Gibson (16), 70; W. A. White (18), 72. III.: P. Burke (20), 68; J. Wallace (20), 73. Fourball—P. Berry (6) and F. O'Neill (17), 3 up; H. G. German (8) and J. A. Lennon (15), 2 up.

Hermitage.—Fourball—J. C. Brady (17) and T. Kelly (17), 7 up.

Killiney.—Fourball—G. J. Young (8) and W. H. Fryer (12), W. J. McCormick (8) and C. Morgan (13), E. Burke (10) and W. P. Fay (14), L. Cranfield (16) and L. Collins (16), C. Mangan (14) and P. J. O'Ryan (18)—all 3 up.

Rathfarnham.—Fourball—H. R. Glover (12) and A. Pullon (17), 5 up; J. J. Kelly (13) and Major O'Dwyer (17), 5 up. Nine holes—O. G. Giddings, 35½; J. L. McHugh, 35¼.

Rosemore.—Junior Cup final—Dr. M. Killen (16) beat Dr. W. J. Coyne (17), 1 up. Turkey—R. Patton, 4 up.

Killarney.—Hamper—P. O'Donoghue (11 1-3), 54 2-3; Dr. W. M. O'Sullivan (plus 3), 51.

Hammond Top Scorer. — Squadron-Leader Walter Hammond (Gloucester and England) was top scorer in a cricket match between an Air Force XI., which he captained, and the Rest of South Africa at Johannesburg. He knocked up a lively 60 in 71 minutes out of 172. His score included two 6's and six 4's.—Reuter.

Another Success For Prince Blackthorn

JUDGING by the huge crowd at Leopardstown on Saturday, it would seem that the more restricted the means of transport to meetings the keener are people to attend. The totalisator receipts amounted to £4,872 8/-, and the tote double pool of £797 was the highest apart from Red Cross meetings, at the course.

It was a prosperous afternoon for backers, who had only one serious reverse. This was when Lord Bicester's Muktar got the better of the favourite, Scottish Welcome, to win the Stand Maiden Hurdle. Muktar was in front for most of the way, and when headed by Scottish Welcome at the last hurdle, it looked as if his bolt was shot; but he put in a game finish, and had three lengths to spare passing the winning post. He survived an objection for boring and not keeping a straight course.

Captain H. de Burgh's Prince Blackthorn scored his fourth success of the season when, after making all the running, he won the three miles steeplechase, and will be seen in action again at Baldoyle. Miss D. Paget's pair, Housewarmer and Tanya's Knight, provided a thrill for the crowd when they contested a close finish for the Christmas 'Chase, the verdict in favour of Housewarmer being only a short head. Rockleigh made amends for his Naas failure by winning the Glencairn Selling Hurdle, and Godstone, another unlucky horse at Naas, gave T. Hyde an easy winning ride in the Carrickmines 'Chase. Belted Monarch just lasted out long enough to hold off the strong challenge of Oola in the Ranelagh Plate.

Details:—

1.45 — CHRISTMAS 'CHASE, £100. 2m. 175 yds.

Housewarmer, b. g., by Cottage—Madeira (Miss Dorothy Paget), 5, 11-8 .... D. L. Moore 1
Tanya's Knight, a, 11-2 R. J. O'Ryan 2
Summer Star, 5, 10-6 P. J. Murphy 3
Peter's Gift, 10-9 (V. Mooney), 4; Historical Revue, 10-8 (S. McGrath), 5; Sunway, 10-9 (P. Brogan); Barnhill, 10-8 (T. Hyde). (C. A. Rogers.)

1/3 HOUSEWARMER, 10/1 others. **Tote**—2/6; places, 3/-, 9/-. Sht. hd.; 3l. 4m. 28 4-5 secs.

2.15 — GLENCAIRN (S.) HURDLE, £200. 2m.

Rockleigh, ch. g., by Boris—Quakeress (Mr. J. A. Farrell), a, 10-8 .... A. Brabazon 1
Simple Song, a, 9-2 .... C. Sleator 2
Walter's Pride, a, 10-7 ... J. Brogan 3
Spratstown, 9-10 (T. McNeill), 4; Le Cygne, 10-3 (D. L. Moore), 5; Zog, 9-4 (R. J. O'Ryan), 6; Royal Down, 10-6 (J. Lenehan); Magic Bubble, 10-2 (T. Hyde). (Owner.)

1/1 ROCKLEIGH, 4/1 Royal Down, 5/1 Spratstown, 6/1 Simple Song, 8/1 Le Cygne and Zog, 100/8 others. **Tote**—5/6; places, 3/-, 6/-, 12/6. 2l.; sht. hd. 4m. 7 3-5 secs. No bid for winner.

2.45—STAND HURDLE, £100. 1½ m.

Muktar, gr. c., by The Satrap—Shelana-Gig (Lord Bicester), 3, 10-7 .... J. Barrett 1
Scottish Welcome, 4, 11-7 ... T. McNeill 2
Coupe, 4, 11-7 .... A. Brabazon 3
First Visit, 11-10 (J. Lenehan), 4; Picker, 10-8 (F. Mangan), 5; Four Flusher, 11-10 (M. Regan), 6; Jack Straw, 11-10 (M. Gordon), 7; Senior, 11-10 (P. Moylan); Mornington, 11-5 (E. J. O'Ryan); Tidings, 11-5 (J. McKeagh); Missing Link, 11-10 (J. Brogan); Cavalry King, 11-10 (D. L. Moore); Royal Pride, 11-10 (T. Hyde); Tiverton, 11-7 (P. J. Murphy); Agnes Buchan, 11-7 (H. Molony); Sunny Tol, 11-0 (J. C. Parkinson); Lucki, 10-13 (V. Mooney); Drominect, 10-8 (S. Lyons); Thursday, 10-2 (J. Redmond); Sea Mist, 9-12 (C. Sleator). (Fetherston.)

5/2 Scottish Welcome, 3/1 Coupe, 4/1 First Visit, 7/1 Tiverton and Agnes Buchan, 8/1 Four Flusher, 10/1 Cavalry King, 20/1 MUKTAR and others. **Tote**—56/-; places, 8/6, 3/-, 3/-. 3l.; 8l. 2m. 58s. An objection for boring and not keeping a straight course was overruled.

3.15—CARRICKMINES 'CHASE, £100. 2½m.

Godstone, b. g., by My Prince—Little Sweetheart (Mr. J. V. Rank), a, 10-3 .... T. Hyde 1
Drumbilla, a, 11-1 ... Mr. J. R. Cox 2
On the Go, 6, 11-7 .... J. Brogan 3
Simóniz, 11-4 (J. Lenehan), 4; Sir Sen, 12-7 (D. L. Moore), pulled up; Smerwick's Nephew, 11-6 (Mr. M. N. Walker), fell; Burnished Gold, 9-7 (P. Timmins), fell; Hallowvein, 9-7 (V. Mooney), fell. (T. W. Dreaper.)

5/4 GODSTONE, 2/1 On the Go, 6/1 Smerwick's Nephew, 7/1 Drumbilla and Burnished Gold, 20/1 others. **Tote**—5/-; places, 2/6, 4/-, 2/6. 4l.; 3l. 5m. 10 3-5s.

3.45—DECEMBER 'CHASE, £100. 3 miles, 100 yards.

Prince Blackthorn, br. g., by Embargo—Alice Mayflower (Capt. H. de Burgh), 4, 10-5 .... J. Brogan 1
Golden Jack, a, 12-0 .... D. L. Moore 2
National Lad, a, 9-12 .... D. Connors 3
Word of Honour, 9-7 (P. Moylan), 4. Arnott.

4/5 PRINCE BLACKTHORN, 5/4 Golden Jack, 100/8 National Lad, 50/1 Word of Honour. **Tote**, 4/-; forecast, 8/-. 8l.; 15l. 6m. 26 secs.

4.10—RANELAGH FLAT RACE, £100. About 2 m.

Belted Monarch, b. g., by Monarch of the Glen—Belted Lady (Mr. J. Cox, jun.), 4, 11-3 ... Mr. J. R. N. Cox 1
Oola, 4, 11-3 .... Mr. W. Willis 2
Sunburn II., a, 11-12 Mr. P. P. Hogan 3
Glengariff, 10-5 (Mr. R. D. Cox), 4; Smoke Room, 11-7 (Mr. J. Lenehan). Cox.

10/11 Sunburn II., 11/10 BELTED MONARCH, 10/1 Oola and Smoke Room, 20/1 Glengariff. **Tote**, 4/-; 3/-. ½l.; 15l. 3 m. 55 3-5 secs.

TOTE DOUBLE—Muktar and Prince Blackthorn, £22 8/-; 32 winning units; pool, £797. Day's pool, £4,872 8/-. (Last year, £3,187 15/-.)

Surprise in Dunraven Cup at Limerick

THE Dunraven Cup was the big attraction at Limerick on Saturday, and the attendance far exceeded expectations. The "gift" horse, Shannon Scheme, caused a mild surprise by taking this event rather easily, Lavenham, who was expected to score a double for Mr. Creed, finding the going too heavy for him. Astrometer was practically unbackable for the St. Stephen's Day Plate, and, waiting on the leaders until a quarter of a mile from home, he came through to win very easily.

Another easy winner was Singlepeeper, who scored in the Totalisator Hurdle, but his stable companion, Sun Bird, failed in the City Hurdle, for which he was well fancied, and the race fell a ready prey to Kersey. High Loan for a long way looked like winning the December 'Chase, but was run out of it on the flat by Weigh In. Dan Kelly was in front all the way in the Christmas 'Chase.

Details:—

2.45—TOTALISATOR HURDLE, £50. 1½m.

Singlepeeper, b. g., by Singapore—Ambrosia (Mr. H. Harty), 4, 10-13 .... H. Harty 1
Miss Hopkins, 4, 10-13 .... Mr. W. Lombard 2
Brown Ruby, 3, 10-0 .... M. Barry 3
Fiery Element, 10-3 (P. J. Cahalan), 4; Sirrtoi, 11-0 (T. Molony), 5; Cherry Pie, 10-7 (R. McCarthy), 6; Tennis Ball, 11-5 (Mr. J. P. Hogan), 7; Carrigshane, 11-10 (W. O'Grady); Golden Antler, 11-0 (M. Farrissey); Tut Tut Sir 10-11 (E. Fitzgerald); John D., 10-3 (E. Kennedy); Laburnum, 9-12 (M. Cullinane); Morning Echo, 10-3 (——). (H. Harty.)

Evens SINGLEPEEPER, 5/2 Cherry Pie, 6/1 Carrigshane and John D., 100/8 others. **Tote**, 4/-; places, 2/6, 7/-, 4/-. 5l.; same.

3.15—CITY H'CAP HURDLE, £100. 2m.

Kersey, br. g., by Lochiel—Sungift (Mr. B. Sheehan), 6, 11-11 .... J. Wade 1
Sun Bird, 5, 11-6 .... H. Harty 2
Barrymore, 6, 10-10 .... W. O'Grady 3
Greektown, 10-9 (R. Gough), 4; Kerry Dance, 10-0 (R. McCarthy), 5; Shabby, 10-4 (E. Kennedy), 6. C. F. Creed.

Evens Sun Bird, 2/1 KERSEY, 5/1 Barrymore, 8/1 Greektown, 100/8 others. **Tote**, 9/-; places, 3/6, 2/6. 16l.; 2l.

3.45—DUNRAVEN CUP, £100 added. H'cap 'chase. 3m.

Shannon Scheme, ch. g., by Prince Hiram—Shannon Light (Maj. Watt), 8, 9-7 .... P. J. Cahalin 1
Waving Star, a, 11-3 .... W. O'Grady 2
Ballyhooley, a, 10-10 ... R. McCarthy 3
Lavenham, 10-7 (J. Wade), 4; Double Flush, 9-7 (E. Kennedy), 5; Ruby Loch, 10-12 (H. Harty), 6; Knight's Crest, 10-1 (T. Molony), 7; Cabin Fire, 10-11 (M. Lombard), 8; My Consul, 11-3 (Mr. M. J. Mitchell); St. Donavist, 9-8 (P. Conlon); Forest Chief, 9-9 (Mr. T. Bennett). W. O'Grady.

5/4 Lavenham, 5/1 Double Flush and Waving Star, 6/1 SHANNON SCHEME, Ruby Loch and Ballyhooley, 100/8 others. **Tote**, 35/-; places 6/6, 4/6, 4/6. 12l.; 4l.

3.15—DECEMBER 'CHASE, £50. 2 m. 200 yds.

Weigh In, b. g., by Clarion—Left In (Mr. J. P. Hogan), 6, 11-9 .... Mr. J. P. Hogan, jun. 1
High Loan, 4, 11-3 .... T. Moleny 2
Irish Ivy, 5, 11-7 ... Mr. M. J. Mitchell 3
(Trained by Owner.)

Evens WEIGH IN, 2/1 Irish Ivy, 3/1 High Loan. **Tote**—7/-; forecast, 11/-. 2l.; 8l.

3.45—CHRISTMAS H'CAP 'CHASE, £50. 2 m. 200 yds.

Dan Kelly, b. g., by Farizay—Celtic Rose (Mrs. G. A. Harris), a, 10-10 .... E. J. Kennedy 1
Bonnie Anna, a, 11-4 .... M. Farrissey 2
Multy Duck, 6, 10-9 .... H. Harty 3
Nonna's Cottage, 10-2 (R. McCarthy), 4; Oakfield, 10-0 (W. O'Grady), 5; Rosemary's Cottage, 10-3 (T. Moleny); Abbot's Chant, 9-9 (P. Hederman) (fell). W. Griffin

5/2 Oakfield and Multy Duck, 3/1 DAN KELLY, 4/1 Bonnie Anna, 100/8 others. **Tote**—7/-; places, 6/-, 6/-. 2l.; 12l.

4.10—ST. STEPHEN'S DAY PLATE, £50. 2 m.

Astrometer, br. g., by Vesington Star—Golden Meter (Mr. D. P. O'Brien), 4, 11-5 .... Mr. M. J. Mitchell 1
Beakstown, a, 11-9 ... Mr. J. Rowlette 2
Fuddle, 6, 10-13 ... Mr. D. B. Fitzgerald 3
Handsome Toy, 11-4 (Mr. J. Russell), 4; Karpas, 11-9 (Mr. J. J. Marshall), 5; Garryhinch, 10-13 (Mr. J. McCutcheon), Tontonvilla, 11-9 (Mr. A. P. Harris); Mairetoi, 11-0 (Mr. H. Russell); Prince Toi, 13-2 (Mr. J. P. Hogan); American Eagle, 11-0 (Mr. T. Bennett). Owner

1/6 ASTROMETER, 100/8 Tontonvilla and Mairetoi, 20/1 others. **Tote**—2/6; places, 2/6, 5/-, 4/-. 3l.; 1½l.

Tote Double—Shannon Scheme and Dan Kelly, £13 13/6; 10 winning tickets; pool, £152; day's pool, £1,135 10/- (last year, £1,162 11/-).

RACING ITEMS

Over £400 has been spent by the Leopardstown racecourse executive in improvements in the jockeys' rooms, which include shower baths, lavatories, hot and cold water and drying presses.

Mr. M. N. Walker was injured when his mount, Smerwick's Nephew, bolted through the wing of a fence at Leopardstown on Saturday. He suffered from shock and some bruises, but recovered when medically attended.

FUNERAL
MR. JOHN KENNEDY

The funeral of Mr. John Kennedy, of Walnut Grove, Ballymun road, Dublin, took place on Christmas Eve to Mount Jerome Cemetery after Service in St. Augustine's Church, North Circular road, conducted by the Rev. Canon R. H. J. Campbell assisted by the Rev. K. D. B. Dobbs. Mr. Kennedy was father of the Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Curate in Bray, and of the Rev. C. O. Kennedy.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Kennedy (widow), the Rev. A. C. Kennedy (son), the Misses E. S. Kennedy and B. A. Kennedy (daughters). The Rev. C. O. Kennedy (son) was unable to be present.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Miller and Co., Ltd., Bray, under the personal supervision of Mr. T. M. Collier.

Boxing Day Dog Show
Big Entries: Fine Quality

A cocker spaniel, Maxim of Sunnybank, owned by Mr. T. E. Tighe, Clontarf road, Dublin, won the premier award at the annual show of the Dublin Dog Show Society at Adelaide road, Dublin, on Saturday. There were 200 entries more than last year. The sporting group prize was won by Mrs. M. O'Toole, Millmount Villas, Drumcondra, with her Afghan hound—Vendas Tash Down, and the Red Setter Club Cup for gundogs went to T. E. Tighe, with his cocker spaniel, Maxim of Sunnybank. The Sunnyside Challenge Cup in the terrier group was won by J. M. Murphy, Vernon avenue, with a Scottish terrier, Int. Ch. Brantoale Boilin' O'er.

The following are first prize winners:—

Samoyeds—Mrs. J. Mitchell, Dalkey, Co. Dublin—Cill Dara Ivan (2 firsts and Green Star) and Cill Dara Viking, Miss Peggy Kelly, Kill, Co. Kildare—Ivor of Kobe.

Pointers—Miss M. Craig, Ballindrait, Co. Donegal—Brian of Daleview (2); Captain J. W. Gore, Ballsbridge—Rab of the Hills; Mrs. R. Gore, Ballsbridge—Rajah of Belmont (Green Star); Mr. W. R. Gardiner, Belfast—Dorothy's Victory (2 and Green Star); Miss J. Horsburgh, Saggart, Co. Dublin—Castlemore Calvados.

Airedales—Mrs. G. F. Wilmot, Belfast—Tilshead Pluto; Miss P. Adiddle, Belfast—Keeper of Dhu-Varran; Mrs. W. G. Elliott, Belfast—Ballybeen Guide (2 and Green Star).

West Highland White Terriers—Mrs. F. Coen, Athlone—Crystal Snowdrop; Miss R. Kenny, Clonskea—Hamish Clint; Miss I. Morton, Belfast—Percy 2nd (2 and Green Star) and brace.

Griffons Bruxellois—Miss H. Lennon, Enfield—Joy Valley Victorine, Joy Valley Eclipse (2) and Joy Valley Charmette (Green Star).

Pekingese—Mrs. James Parkinson, Belfast—Derry-Boi (2) and Seamus A. Bhucaill (Green Star); Mrs. G. L. Dart, Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin—Ching Lung Tang and Princess Vee-Vee; Mrs. Ethel Whelan, Raheny, Co. Dublin—Yung Ferdinand and Yuan T-Su of St. Claire (Green Star).

Litters, any variety—Mrs. Daphne Lucas, Navan, Co. Meath—Shetland Sheepdogs (Drummer of Mariemeau—Sheer Daintiness).

Great Danes—Mrs. K. Graham, Newcastle, Co. Down—Odin of Mount Royal (4 and Green Star).

Bulldogs—Mr. J. McGlinchey, Tullamore, Offaly—Sure (3 and Green Star) and Sheba.

Elkhounds—Mrs. J. Thompson, Dundrum—Arvid Av Aalesund (2 and Green Star).

Irish Wolfhounds—Mrs. T. O'Hara, Tralee—Ossian of Glenan; Lady Gardner, Killernan, Co. Dublin—Knightellingtons Duntargley (Green Star); E. D. Wright, Belfast—Nuala of the Hill; Mrs. A. Lait, Kilternan, Co. Dublin—Sulhamstead Fitowa (Green Star).

Dalmatians—Richard Kelly, Portarlington—Blossom Time (3 and Green Star).

Labrador Retrievers—L. Lynch, Strabane—Fionn of Foyle; R. J. MacNamara, Carrick-on-Shannon—Glenravel Sam (3); David Orr, Killyleagh, Co. Down—Black Prince of Marlu (Green Star).

English Setters—S. Adair, Portavogie, Co. Down—Spinddrift of Portavogie; B. Mullan, Clontarf road, Dublin—Withinlee of Stananarky (3 and G.S.).

Irish Blue Terriers—W. O'Meara, Baldoyle—Newcomen Rory; G. Ballantine, Belfast—Ballin-na-Home Boy; Mrs. E. Nolan, Richmond street, Dublin—Fearfeasa; D. McCall, Belfast—Brocklagh of Cluain and Ormeau Lady and brace; J. Woods, Lisburn — Bean-a-Tighe; W. Verner, North Strand, Dublin—Maeve's Own.

Cocker Spaniels—T. Tighe, Clontarf road—Langley Carefree and Langley Black Beauty of Dunsinane; Mrs. M. Rusk, Belfast — Black Shadow; J. Clawson, Belfast—Brilliant Jim; Mrs. G. Scott Moore, Kilbride, Co. Dublin—Kilbride Paddy; G. B. Rothwell, Belfast—Tawe Statesman and brace; T. Tighe—Maxim of Sunnybank (Green Star); Miss V. Adamson and Mrs. J. Bartlett, Athboy—Quicksilver of Copperally (2); R. Wilson, Antrim — Harley Susan; W. McCausland—Melfort Minesweeper.

Red or Golden Cocker Spaniels—D. Cullen, Rathgar—Glenarriff Ray; Mrs. D. C. Parker, Baldoyle—Rose of Fawghan; P. O'Brien, Bray, Co. Wicklow—Garryowen Redwing (2).

Black Cockers—Miss L. Cunningham, Finglas Bridge, Co. Dublin—Belleśng Black Prince of Glounie; T. E. Tighe—Langley Black Beauty of Dunsinane; H. S. Harvey, Belfast—Lady of Lismoyne; Miss B. Walshe, Ranelagh—Twinkle Star of Glenlervie.

Wire Fox Terriers—W. Hyde, North Crumlin — Peerless Rose (3); J. McGranaghan, Dublin—Colonel of Blackheath (2); the Rev. T. Morin, Swinford—Toper of Cranmore; A. McAllister, Ballymena—Neglected's Re-echo (2 and Green Star); Knox Ingram, Belfast—Tulip of Cranmore (2 and Green Star).

Smooth Dachshund—Mrs. H. Moore Bennet, Colbinstown, Co. Kildare—Sir Edward De Liffey; Miss S. O'Donnell, Rathfarnham—Black Knight of Hopetown; J. Malcolm, Holywood, Co. Down—Jan of Carnomona and Ch. Our Gracie (Green Star); J. A. MacNaughton, Dun Laoghaire—Grunpark Blackjack (2 and Green Star) and Vega Von Grunpark.

Long Haired Dachshund—Mrs. H. B. Manley, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan—Karl (2); Mrs. M. Savell Hicks, Killiney, Co. Dublin—Argosy Juno (2 and Green Star).

English Springer Spaniels—J. Tighe, Sligo—Scout of Sligo; T. McElkenny, Coleisland, Tyrone—Firmount Jock; J. Campbell, Belfast—Hillsboro' Pat (2 and Green Star); W. R. Gardiner, Belfast—Eithne's Pet (3 and Green Star).

German Shepherd Dogs—W. McCammon, Mountmorris, Armagh—Rex of the Border and Benita of Aravon (2 and Green Star); T. Leitch, Belfast—Dreadnought of Brushwood; Miss V. R. Ross, Belfast—Beltain of Roslin and Hero of Roslin (Green Star); T. Church, Clondalkin—Vesta of Ival.

Borzois—J. Hanley, Bray—Mitzi of Mena; Mrs. C. T. Hafner, Dun Laoghaire—Friar of Tangmere (Green Star).

Rough Collies—J. Fletcher, Portadown—Lyncliffe Lima; S. Wilson, Belfast—Prince of Oranmfield (3 and Green Star); J. McLoughlin, Portadown—The Magpie (2) and brace; J. Gow, Belfast—Empress of Oldpark (2 and Green Star).

Lakeland Terriers—Knox Ingram—Tansey of Cranmore (4 and Green Star).

Yorkshire Terriers—Miss O'L. Carew, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin—Dainty Sprite (2); J. Cole, Marlboro' street, Dublin—Unity Lass; Lady E. Windham, Cootehill—Rosita of Sohan (2 and Green Star); B. Nagle, Inchicore—Walton Nellette.

Afghan Hounds—Mrs. C. Early, N.C.R., Dublin—Pharaoh of Phoenix; Mrs. M. O'Toole, Drumcondra—Vendas Tash Down (2 and Green Star); Mrs. M. Sharpe, Muff, Co. Donegal—Champion Garrymhor Faiz-Ba-Hassid.

Shetland Sheepdogs—Mrs. D. C. Parker—Joy of Ireland's Eye; Miss E. Finch, Howth—Twinkle of Ireland's Eye (3) and brace; W. Philips, Belfast—Drummer of Mariemeau (3 and Green Star).

Smooth Fox Terriers—Mrs. W. Deane, Slane, Co. Meath—Mouliere Moonlight (4 and Green Star); S. Smyth, Belfast—Utility Model (4 and Green Star).

Welsh Corgis—Misses K. Rusch and O. Feeney, Ballyshay, Co. Antrim—[illegible]

Jacqueline of Bentra (2); Mrs. M. Boyse, Bannow, Co. Wexford—Rozavel Smart Socks (2 and Green Star) and brace.

Irish Terriers—P. McKenna, Belfast—Colen Swell; J. R. Jackson, Coleraine—Culbahn Commissar (4 and Green Star); T. Maher, Philipsburgh avenue — Bushfield Beauty (4 and Green Star).

Irish Setters—Miss Patricia Kelly, Kill, Co. Kildare—Red Man of Ide; V. J. McDonagh, Terenure—Caesar of Kilmainham; Miss Maureen Kiernan, Dromod, Co. Leitrim—Hartsbourne Gerald and Lisge Beatha of Derrycarney (Green Star); Miss Peggy Kelly, Kill—Noel of Ide (3), and Spirit of Gadeland (Green Star).

Scottish Terriers—Miss E. MacAuley, Terenure—Cock o' the North (2); Mrs. G. Bunyan, Terenure—Cranagh Peter; J. Malcolm—His Lordship; J. Murphy, Clontarf—Int. Ch. Brantvale Boilin' O'er (Green Star); T. Lavery, Belfast—Mount Eden Lassie (3); Mrs. J. Jackson, Coleraine—Cranagh Lou; Mrs. A. Flood, Adelaide road, Dublin—Moragh McSparty (Green Star).

Bull Terriers—J. McKeown, Balbriggan—Abbert Artful (3) and Rock-a-Bill Guardsman; Mrs. A. McC. Blakeney, Dalkey—Ch. Abbert Aristocrat (Green Star).

Pomeranians—Lady Wyndham-Willybilly of Soham and Colly Hunch (2 and Green Star).

Sealyhams—P. J. Berry, Mountjoy, Dublin—Templecarrig Thelma; J. Murphy, S.C.R.—Templecarrig Trixie; Miss F. Cornelia, Bockingham street, Dublin—Queen of Raheny (Green Star) and Herr Fritz.

Boxers—Miss M. Fitzgerald, Dollymount avenue, Dublin—Punfield Erko of Monkswood (2 and Green Star); C. Boggs, Belfast—Turkane Vengeance (2).

Cairn Terriers—A. McKnight, Islandmagee—Braw Dusty; B. Simpson, Armagh—Bonus of Oakpark (2) and brace; Mrs. T. H. McNally, Belfast—Moulin of Fair City; Miss L. Murphy, Rathgar—Corragiea; Miss C. Cherry, Dunmore East, Waterford—Badger's Imp (Green Star); A. McNeilly, Bangor—Beechacre Bingo (2 and Green Star).

Not Classed—J. R. Farrell, Clontarf—Aristocrat of Sure Sight (Maltese); Miss M. Roche, Killiney—Debdale Fianna of the Conga (Basenja) (2); Mrs. J. Hern, Greystones—Fredmon Van Zaandam (Keeshond) and brace.

ABBEY THEATRE
"THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD"

IT looks just only a little strange now, this play about which once there were angry words. We find in it more to amuse than to excite, and this production succeeds in giving a brighter glow to its comedy. It is helped greatly by Sean Keating's setting and costumes, for it is most suitable that the work in which Synge expressed his rich feeling for Connaught should be illustrated by the painter who has given us so vividly Connaught scenes and people.

The good that this has done to the play can be felt to the full only by those who can remember the old, dark setting in which it was born, and the drab stock costumes which never were a proper match for its coloured speech. Now, immediately, there is for the eye a swift assistance to what we are going to find in "The Playboy." And this was necessary, for it is not an easy play to catch and realise as it passes before us.

The author, when attacked, did not succeed in making clear what he had intended. At first he explained that his play was an extravaganza; then, saying that he had been mistaken, he went to considerable pains to produce evidence of the actual incidents from Western life upon which he had based his fable. This remains its defect; it leaves a confused impression, even after the most vivid setting, production, and playing. There are moments when it is too extravagant for real life: moments when it is too realistic to be taken as an extravaganza.

Thus it is that, despite the attractive acting quality of some of its parts, it is a difficult play for the player. The two principals in this production — Cyril Cusack, as "Christy Mahon," and Brid Ni Loingsigh, as "Pegeen Mike"—have to fight hard with the indefinite nature of their material, its wayward turns in the twists and turns of the play. The two are most subtly changed by their meeting, but it is "Pegeen Mike" who has to make the largest impression that the play should leave. This time the part was handled with a feeling for its depth rather than for its light attraction, and its last speech sounded more convincing than ever before. On the other hand, the "Christy Mahon" was done with an engaging lightness of touch, which, however, did not seem to be the whole of "The Playboy." The love scenes between the two, which heighten the drama, were not spoken for their poetry alone, although they would seem to have little meaning when treated otherwise.

The play gains, beyond all former productions, in its comic scenes, and these were most ably managed by Liam Redmond, as "Michael James," with F. J. McCormick and M. J. Dolan as his two cronies. Ria Mooney made the most out of the indefinite and rather thankless part of the "Widow Quinn," and Denis O'Dea was able to do a great deal with the small part of "Shawn Keogh"; while, as "Old Mahon," Brian O'Higgins was as near to comedy as the part and his make-up would permit him to go. The group of country girls, led by Nellie Manning, always made a bright addition to the scene.

In freeing the production from some accumulated weight of tradition, Frank Dermody has succeeded in giving us a clearer view of the play as a whole, and in preparing the way for a more exact appreciation of its quality.

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FILMS OF THE WEEK

By OUR CINEMA CORRESPONDENT.

The Great Mr. Handel (Capitol): Some months ago, I understand, a choir composed of members of the Eighth Army gave a special performance at Cairo of an oratorio composed by a German composer. It is pleasant to see that considerations of art thus transcend the narrow enmities of war, but in this special instance it was understandable, because the oratorio was the immortal "Messiah," and the composer, George Frederick Handel, one whose name is a part of the musical tradition not only of London, but also of Dublin. This excellent film, "The Great Mr. Handel," is of special interest to Dublin, where in April, 1742, was given the first performance of the "Messiah," the work which established Handel as a composer of note and made him truly great. Wilfrid Lawson, who established his reputation as a screen actor with his unforgettable little portrait of the dustman, Albert Doolittle, in the film of Shaw's "Pygmalion," is really outstanding in the name part, and the acting throughout is well in keeping with the high standard which he sets to fellow players. Founded on an original screen-play by L. Du Garde Peach, the incidental music is, of course, the original scores of Handel, magnificently played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Ernest Irving.

Seven Sweethearts (Savoy), although not so ambitious, is definitely another little picture which you must see, because it brings you (in what, I think, is his sixth film) Van Heflin, the screen discovery of 1942. This young man is outstanding as an actor, and proved in a sequence in the recent "Grand Central Murder" that he can even "put it across" with his back to the camera. The "Seven Sweethearts" in a Dutch setting are Kathryn Grayson, Marsha Hunt, Cecilia Parker, Dorothy Morris, Frances Rafferty, Frances Raeburn and Peggy Moran. Hollywood could offer you no better galaxy of loveliness on which to rest your weary post-festive eyes.

Holiday Inn (Adelphi): I heard the thirteen Irving Berlin song hits through a background of bank holiday noises—rustling papers, screaming children, and whistling adults; the fact that my attention did not flag for an instant speaks well for the entertainment value of "Holiday Inn." The plot is as old as the proverbial hills—two men: one girl—but the men are Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, and that makes all the difference. The girl is Marjorie Reynolds, the setting improbable, and the songs include such favourites as "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," and "Be Careful, It's My Heart." This is the sort of show to suit the whole family—if you can get in.

Shut My Big Mouth (Carlton): Joe E. Brown raises once again that marvellous hog-calling voice of his in a film as funny and easy on the mind as Christmas audiences could desire. It is all Joe E—head (and mouth) above screenful of stooges. See it and laugh. "Parachute Nurse," a good support, is a boost for a self-explanatory branch of the U.S. Air Corps, which should be worth the other half of your admission.

OTHER CINEMAS

San Francisco (Regal Rooms). **The Magnificent Dope** (Metropole). **Girl From Alaska** (Corinthian) and **Home in Wyoming**. **Pardon My Sarong** (Grafton). **Foreign Correspondent** (Green) and Chaplin's **Champion Charlie**. **Let the People Sing** (Astor). **About Face** (Theatre Royal). **Sunday Punch** (Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire). **Thursday: Call Out the Marines.**

GATE THEATRE
"JACK-IN-THE-BOX"

"Jack-in-the-Box," the new Edwards-MacLiammoir Christmas Pie, while maintaining the traditional spirit of good-fellowship, contains some ingredients which do not mix. Many of the sketches seem to have strayed from the pages of an O'Dea-O'Donovan pantomime; not that this in itself is bad, but we have come to expect something different from the Gate. Also, these rather broad sketches—several of them written by Micheál MacLiammoir himself—have the effect of making the more typical items seem incongruous. The players themselves—Micheál MacLiammoir as La Veranda, a little lady with a South American way; Hilton Edwards as Cardinal Wolsey, in an excerpt from Shakespeare's "Henry VIII."; Betty Chancellor as everything from Daisy Belle to a lioness in the Dublin Zoo; Christopher Casson as himself, with his harp, and Meriel Moore as Myrrhina in "La Sainte Courtesane,"—a rather sickly fragment from Oscar Wilde—all give delightful performances.

An interesting item was "Thirst," by Myles na gCopaleen, in which Liam Gaffney distinguished himself by knocking back a pint of plain in one draught, and the author by leaving the province of (the daily Press) to (make his *début*) as a humorous dramatist. Other items were two ballads from Colm O'Lochlainn's "Irish Street Ballads"; A. A. Milne's "The Old Sailor"; "Snow in the Air," a modern "blues" tune, by Tyrell Pine, indifferently rendered by Mairin Fenning, and an adaptation of Hans Andersen's "Match Girl." Other players in a large cast included Alexis Milne, Anthony Walsh, Diarmuid Kelly, Sara Payne, Sean Colleary, William Fassbender, Sally Travers, Sadie Bolger, Robert Hennessy, Cecil Monson, with Una Ni Icidhe and Marie McCrystal at two pianos.

WEDDING

DELANY-BARRY.—The wedding took place on Saturday at the University Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, of Dr. Liam F. Delany, second son of the late Dr. W. F. Delany, of Gardiner's row, Dublin, and of Mrs. Delany, 15 Fitzwilliam place, and Miss Helena Patricia Barry, elder daughter of the late Dr. A. P. Barry, 12 Fitzwilliam place, and of Mrs. Barry, Cowper Drive, Rathmines. The marriage was performed by the Rev. J. M. O'Connor, S.J., University Hall, who also celebrated Nuptial Mass. The Rev. Dr. Edward O'Brien, Adm., University Church, assisted, and a telegram from the Vatican imparting the Papal Blessing was read. The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. Arthur P. Barry. The bride had three attendants, Miss Ann Barry, sister; Miss Miriam Delany, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Mary Stubington. Mr. Kevin M. Collins was best man, and the groomsmen were:—Mr. M. J. Moran, Mr. D. Barry, Mr. Donald J. Delany and Mr. Desmond McLoughlin. A reception was held by the bride's mother at 12 Fitzwilliam place, residence of the bride's brother, Dr. Arthur P. Barry. Dr. and Mrs. Delany later left on a short honeymoon before returning to London.

Irish Times

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1942

Darlan and Giraud

The Christmas season has been marked by an event of the most "sensational" order—the assassination of Admiral Darlan at Algiers. Barely six weeks ago the American and British forces that invaded French North Africa discovered Admiral Darlan there, and General Eisenhower placed him in control of the civil administration of the invaded territories. His authority was repudiated promptly by Marshal Pétain and M. Laval, but he was confirmed in authority, early this month, by the French Imperial Council for North Africa, which he himself had constituted with the approval of the Allies, and was given the title of Chief of State. Later, Admiral Darlan appointed General Giraud as Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in North Africa. The Admiral's short tenure of office, acceptable as it was for reasons of practical politics, created a certain amount of misgiving in the minds of many people in the Allied nations. These people remembered him—it did not require a long memory—as the author of many bitter speeches against the Allies during the German occupation of Northern and Western France, and as one of the foremost spokesmen of French collaboration with the Axis Powers. Many held also that an intolerable insult had been offered to General de Gaulle and his followers, who not merely had spoken, but had done battle, on the Allied side for over two years; and they foresaw a danger that Admiral Darlan's assumption of power in North Africa might lead to a dangerous cleavage — from the Allied point of view — in French opinion. It is manifest that neither the British nor the American Government has been altogether easy in its mind about him. Neither has given open approval to General Eisenhower's elevation of the admiral, and only meagre references have been made to him. Nevertheless, both have been content to abide by General Eisenhower's action—which, when all is said and done, was eminently practical, and must have made the task of the Allies in North Africa considerably easier, whomsoever it may have offended. It is from this point of view, no doubt, that he will be judged. His mantle has fallen upon General Giraud, who is a far more popular choice in the eyes of the Allies generally, inasmuch as he never has made any secret of his hostility to the Axis. Captured at Sedan in 1940, he escaped this year from the German prison of Koenigstein into what was then unoccupied France; recently he eluded the vigilance of Marshal Pétain's Government, and found his way to North Africa. There he promises to be an even greater asset to the Allies than Admiral Darlan was; for, by all reports, he is well known and liked there, as General Weygand's chief lieutenant during the period between the great wars. His appointment has received the "unqualified approval" of de Gaullist "circles" in Washington; but it will be noticed that General de Gaulle's headquarters in London have issued a somewhat non-committal *communiqué* on the subject. Be that as it may, the fact is that, through the action of an unnamed young man of French nationality, said to have an Italian mother—a young man who has paid the penalty for his crime—the Allies now enjoy all the benefit which they might have expected from the association with Admiral Darlan, and few, or none, of the difficulties to which his presence gave occasion. General Giraud claims to have 300,000 troops at his command. When properly armed, they ought to be a powerful reinforcement of Allied strength in North Africa.

The Unfestive Season

Christmas comes but once a year, and when it goes away, it leaves very poor cheer, indeed. In these days after Christmas, we all alike feel the emotions of one treading the deserted banquet-hall. It is not merely the material things that are depressing—the Protean remains of the roast turkey, the rows of empty bottles in the cellar, the rapidly-palling boxes of unvarying chocolate creams—all the relics of that over-indulgence that passes for festivity. The mind itself, having been wound up to a certain party-pitch, must needs run down again; and its state is as mournful as the melodies of a gramophone in the same process. The coming months are the least attractive of the year. Added to the frigidity of January and the ceaseless rain of February Fill-dyke, there is the featurelessness of the whole season. It is notable for nothing; it is the season that everyone would like to get through as quickly as possible, and for that reason it appears to be longer than any other. In prospect, it is the most dismal time of the year. Schoolboys, who went back to their confinement with moderate cheerfulness in September, with Christmas already distinctly, if distantly, before them, face the Easter term with sinking hearts. School matrons check over the stock in their medicine-chests, in gloomy preparation for outbreaks of measles, mumps, chicken-pox, coughs and colds, and every other variety of plague. Children to whom school is still an unknown thing have wearied already of the novelty of their Christmas toys, and reverted to their well-worn teddy-bears; while those a little older begin with premature rapacity to count up the months and days until their birthdays. For the adults there is no object to which to look forward, except that nebulous thing, "the summer," and the holidays it brings. In the meantime, men must work, and women—women must work, too. Such is the dull and melancholy feeling. Fortunately, it does not last long—little longer than any other form of "hang-over"; for it is dispelled again, magically, by the bells of New Year's Day.

High Tension

It is reported from Bloomington, Indiana, that electrical tests have revealed that actors generate electricity while portraying emotions on the stage. Trained actors and actresses, it appears, produce voltage from arms and legs, untrained chiefly from the right arm; and the effective emotions, in descending order of merit, are fear, hate or anger, happiness, and tranquillity or reverence. Anyone who has attended the performance of parish amateur dramatic societies will recognise that right arm. It is the bogey of the amateur. He cannot keep it still. The power that it generates, with all its failings and its tentative wagglings, is quite sufficient to raise the hair of a grown man all along the line of the neck. It may be a surprise, however, to learn that the other limbs also are centres of electrical energy—for, presumably, the qualification implicit in the word "actress" excludes those attractive young stage-furnishings whose limbs are obviously the mainstay of their art. If the report is true, it offers endless possibilities to the enterprising inventor. Ireland—Dublin, in particular—is richer in nothing than in actors. To many people, indeed, this plenty appears as superfluity and as a reflection upon the economy of nature. It is claimed, nevertheless, that nature does nothing in vain; and here, once again, is the vindication of that boast. Ireland's actors are a source of electricity—lighting and power—hitherto unsuspected and untapped. Voltage and wattage in unlimited quantities are there, waiting to be turned to use. In a few years' time, if the Emergency Scientific Research Bureau does its work, not one of our actors or actresses will take the stage without being attached by every limb to a machine off stage. They not only will provide the entertainment in the theatre; they will heat it and light it as well. Of course, it is to be expected that the organisers of "Waama" (*alias* the Writers', Actors', Artists' and Musicians' Association) will insist upon adequate remuneration being offered to the performer for these additional services, even though they demand no additional exertion. The managers will not resent it very deeply. If an actor is good for nothing else, they will now be able to use him to drive the vacuum cleaner.

AN TAOISEACH was received on Christmas Day by the President at Aras an Uachtaran.

The Earl of Sefton will race in Ireland during the coming year under National Hunt rules.

Sir Valentine Grace is giving a party on Wednesday next at Boley, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

Mrs. Uniacke has arrived in Dublin from Monasterevan.

Mrs. Robert MacLaverty has returned to Galway from Dublin.

The marriage arranged between Mr. John Burkhardt and Miss Joan Hill-Dillon will take place on Saturday, 2nd January, at 2.30 p.m., at St. Anne's Church. All friends will be welcomed at the church.

Juvenile Dance, in aid of N.S.P.C.C., Gresham Hotel, Tuesday, 5th January, 3 to 6 p.m.

Switzer and Co., Ltd., are closed to-day (including Restaurant) and will re-open at 9 a.m. to-morrow (Tuesday).

Mitchells, 9, 10 and 11 Grafton street, beg to announce that their Café, Restaurant and Confectionery Department will be closed to-day.

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle Wear. — Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

We shall have pleasure in re-opening our premises to-morrow.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Cosy slippers for chilly evenings. See the range at Stephens & Bourke.

Sharpley's, Specialists. Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List.—2 Nassau street, Dublin.

IRISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION
SHORTAGE QUESTION

The annual general meeting of the Irish Dental Association was held in the Dental Hospital on Friday last. Mr. Donogh O'Brien presided.

The following officers were re-elected for the coming year:—Dr. J. J. Ryan, hon. secretary; Mr. T. C. Coleman, hon. treasurer; Mr. K. Harrington, hon. secretary Insurance Section; Mr. P. O'Brien, hon. secretary Public Dental Officers' Group. The matter of several articles which appeared recently in the Press regarding a shortage of dentists in Eire was brought up.

The chairman, in his reply, said that there was no shortage—in fact, dentists were one of the exports of the country, as a considerable number, when qualified, were compelled to emigrate in order to seek a livelihood. Those who remained were more than adequate to fill the vacancies that have occurred through retirement or death. On the 1st January, 1930, the Dental Register contained the names of 536 dentists practicing in the country. At the present moment, he added, the number on the Register is 551, which does not include the names of the most recently qualified, which will be added to the Register of next year. It is to be deplored that such misleading statements should appear, as they are likely to present to parents and students a picture of an open profession which is far from being the case.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the chairman inducted Mr. W. Mooney to the chair, as president for 1943.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

The following appointments have been made in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross:—The Rev. Martin T. Lord, M.A., Incumbent of Teampol-na-mbocht, to be Incumbent of Lislee and Timoleague; the Rev. Arthur Gordon, B.A., Curate of Kinsale and Rincurran, to be Incumbent of Kilmeen; and the Rev. R. T. W. Good, B.A., Curate of Castlecomer, to be Diocesan Curate.

PANTOMIME
"THE ACE OF QUEENS" AT THE GAIETY

JIMMY O'DEA has added to his long list of female impersonations, and in some respects his "Queen of Cork," his creation in "The Ace of Queens," the Christmas pantomime at the Gaiety Theatre, is among the best. It was with somewhat mixed feelings one sat out the first performance of the show at the matinee on St. Stephen's Day. Things opened with a very good prologue, depicting a night scene on the present-day O'Connell Bridge, and the dialogue whetted the appetite for what was to follow when the story was switched back a thousand years. The scene of the erection of the first bridge across the River Liffey was full of atmosphere, and then came the entry of Jimmy O'Dea in his thousand-year-old taxi from Cork. It was Jimmy in his most irrepressible mood, bubbling over with quips and jests and happy topical allusions. Somehow after that the show seemed to lose some of its sparkle. There was never a song or chorus that the children could let themselves go in, and their main relief came with the circus scene—a delightful affair, with well-trained ponies and very clever dogs. For the adults there were good moments in Jimmy's burlesque of Little Willie in "East Lynne," and in the wedding party.

May Devitt cut a dashing figure as King Oisin, her singing being very good. Josephine O'Hagan, in her first appearance as principal girl with O'Dea Productions, was an outstanding success. She created the right atmosphere from her first entry and held everyone's interest to the end.

There are a couple of pretty ballets, in which Mary Poswolsky does some very graceful dancing. The settings are admirable, particularly those of Present-day O'Connell Bridge, and College Green, showing the old Parliament House and adjacent buildings with thatched roofs. The dresses are on a lavish scale, Jimmy O'Dea's costumes in the Coronation and "Daisy the Duchess" scenes being wonderful creations.

"CINDERELLA"

Recognised for years as the house of good pantomime, the Queen's Theatre this year has more than justified its reputation by producing "Cinderella" on a scale which deserves the description lavish. The producers have told the story of the poor little girl who wanted to go to the ball, of her fairy godmother, her nasty ugly sisters, her friend Buttons, and her lover Prince Charming, and at the same time have introduced just that element of topicality which is necessary for the sake of variety. Eire O'Reilly, already a well-established favourite with Queen's and Dublin audiences, is Prince Charming. She sings both the old favourites and the modern tunes equally pleasantly. Cecil Sheridan and Bill Bailey are extremely amusing as the Ugly Sisters, and Saturday night's crowded house could not see enough of them. The plaintive little Buttons is played energetically by Jimmy Harvey, who twinkles particularly brightly. The programme is completed by the Queen's Moonbeams, who co-operate in all the most elaborate scenas, and the music is supplied by Alex. C. Fryer and his orchestra.

"BAM-BOO-ZALEM"

"Bam-Boo-Zalem," at the Olympia, is not a pantomime in the ordinary sense, but, from the point of view of giving entertainment to both young and old, it could put many pantomimes to shame. Edgar Benyon, a "magician" of amazing versatility, is the big attraction. He does not believe in substitutes in his bag of tricks. The rest of the entertainment is really a vehicle to carry the "Great Bam-Boo-Zalem," but it includes a few acts which add to a fine programme. Mickey Maxie's geese, dogs and monkeys give wonderful performances, while there are some fine singing and dancing numbers.

"MISSED ON THE BOG"

A witty script, embracing in its hits all the things that have been under public discussion for the past year, like a university "rag," is the outstanding thing about "Missed on the Bog," the pantomime opened by the Bernadette Players in the Bernadette Hall, Rathmines, on St. Stephen's Night. The pantomime is a mix-up, which takes in the black market, ancient Irish mythology, the West Clare Railway and a few other completely unrelated subjects, which, somehow, get a kind of relationship to one another as the show goes on. It is all funny and well done. One of the most delightful things in all of the Dublin pantomimes is surely the dancing in this one, done by a group of children who look like the fairies they represent. All members of the cast deserve mention for their parts. A new song, "I blow my little whistle and I wave my little flag," sung by one of the West Clare railway porters, is likely to be a "hit" in Dublin very shortly. The show will be presented on Tuesdays and Fridays and twice on Sundays.

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"

In the last few years the Father Mathew Players have created something of a reputation by their work in pantomime. This season they chose "Jack and the Beanstalk," and produced last night a pantomime which is at once "Jack and the Beanstalk" and something new in bright, smartly-performed variety. Production is, perhaps, better than ever, with a plethora of fresh topical jokes and songs, smooth-moving sequences, pretty dances and lots of colour. Charlie Farrell and Chris. Mullen handle the comedy very ably, with Ml. Hayes as the Dame and Miss M. Shudall as an extremely capable Principal Girl, supported by Miss M. O'Donnell in the opposite *rôle*. Miss Connie Ryan turned out a splendid set of dances and dancers, the Father Mathew Girls giving the performance just sufficient tone to set it off perfectly.

"SIMPLE SIMON"

The Pioneer Dramatic Society presented "Simple Simon" to a crowded audience in St. Francis Xavier's Hall on St. Stephen's night. The script has been written by John J. Dunne, who directed the production. He has fitted some topical "hits" into the pantomime, and the producer, Dan Byrne, has done good work in his own department. The musical director, W. Tallon, was responsible for a satisfying arrangement of appropriate pieces. Noel Kelly filled the title rôle with an easy confidence. The choice of Marie Foran for the part of Prince Paul was completely justified, and Angela Fox, as Marian, acted with charm. The other characters were well represented. There were some colourful dancing ensembles, and the choruses were well balanced.

DEATHS.

FOYNES—December 25, 1942, at Baggot Street Hospital, Michael Foynes, 41 Belmont avenue, Donnybrook. R.I.P. Funeral took place from the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Naas, yesterday (Sunday) at 12 o'clock. Office and Requiem Mass in Naas to-morrow (Tuesday) at 11.30 a.m.

HILL—December 27, 1942, at Ardara, Clonnalour, Tralee, Thomas George Hill. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) from Methodist Church, Tralee, at 2 p.m. "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7-25).

McNALLY—December 25, 1942, at his residence, Aran View, Fairhill, Galway, Edward McNally; to the inexpressible grief of his sorrowing wife, son and daughters. R.I.P. Funeral took place yesterday (Sunday) to Rahoon Cemetery, after Solemn High Mass at 12 o'clock in Pro-Cathedral, Galway.

CRUISKEEN LAWN

By Myles na gCopaleen

THE other day in the Court of Voluntary Jurisdiction this man Smoke again sued a well-known Dublin surgeon for malicious damage to an attaché case. It will be recalled that Smoke failed in a suit against the same man for cutting the hand off him.

Twinfeet J., mounting the bench, remarked that "that was a hardy one."

Mr. Faix, speaking on behalf of the Dublin Bar, agreed that the day was cold.

His Lordship: How did ye all get over the Christmas

Mr. Faix: Er—suitably, my lord.

His Lordship: Do you know what it is, there is a lot of bad stuff going around. If ever one of the criminals responsible is brought before me, I warrant you that I will make an appalling example of him. But pray let us to business. Where is the fire, Mr. Faix?

Mr. Faix: The fire, my lord?

His Lordship: I observe this man Smoke in court. You cannot have Smoke without fire. (Laughter).

Mr. Juteclaw: I recall appearing for a man called Feier, a German gentleman, about ten years ago. (Laughter.)

His Lordship: Very well, Mr. Juteclaw. Now, Mr. Faix, Feier away with your case. (Laughter.)

Mr. Faix, opening the case on behalf of the plaintiff, said he did so because the plaintiff was unable to open the case himself, owing to the fact that he was crippled.

His Lordship: Which case?

Mr. Faix: The attaché case.

His Lordship: I think you'd better call it the bag.

Mr. Juteclaw: Possibly your lordship might agree that it would be more appropriate to call it the *casus belli*.

His Lordship: Philologo-juridical obscurantism sits ill upon the mantle of Dame Justice and will not be permitted to besmirch the fair name of this court. (Laughter.)

Mr. Juteclaw: To express your lordship's meaning in another way, one dissociates the Latin *lex* from the Greek *he lexis*, speech.

His Lordship: I do not care a rap who likes his speech, Mr. Juteclaw. Mr. Faix, kindly continue with your learned submissions. Come now—action! I'm perished here.

Mr. Faix, re-opening the case for the plaintiff, showed the court the interior of it. The leather was extensively stained with blood. Continuing, Mr. Faix said that he was instructed that this was the blood of the plaintiff. From a previous hearing he was familiar with the melancholy fate to which the plaintiff had been subjected by the defendant. On that occasion the defendant, working under cover of noxious fumes administered to the plaintiff, had cut off the latter's hand, crippling him for life. A suit for damages had failed owing to a technicality. On the occasion of this bloody rendezvous, the plaintiff had taken the precaution of bringing with him his pyjamas in an attaché case, understandably suspecting that he might find himself in hospital as a result of the defendant's treatment. But when the plaintiff emerged from his stupor he was unceremoniously pushed into a taxi, bag and all——

His Lordship: Mr. Faix, I think the word is "bundled." Also, I think one associates "baggage" with "bag" according to the correcter usage of our old tongue.

Mr. Faix: I accept your lordship's correction. When the plaintiff reached home he collapsed. Many months afterwards, when he had recovered somewhat, his landlady, a most respectable widow lady, asked him when she was going on holidays, to give her a hand with the packing. He generously lent her his attaché case. I will spare the feelings of the court as to what followed, but in justice to my client I am bound to say that when the case was opened, it was found to contain the plaintiff's hand having been callously placed there by this monster the defendant. I intend to call this widowed lady and she will show——

His Lordship: May I ask is this the lady demure of aspect who sits by the side of Mr. Smoke?

Mr. Faix: None other, my lord.

His Lordship: As head of this court a terrible responsibility rests upon me. Indeed, "devolves upon me" would be a better term. I cannot run the risk of hearing irrelevant evidence. I must therefore first interview the lady in the privacy of my chamber. She will now be conducted there, and the court must be adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Juteclaw: I protest, my lord. This is most irregular.

His Lordship: Protest away.

Mr. Juteclaw then said that in view of his lordship's attitude he had no alternative but to gather up his papers and withdraw. He then gathered up his papers and withdrew.

In his book, under the head of "Hold by Twinfeet J.," the Clerk waggishly entered the phrase "One plump widow."

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6.0—"King Copplecluish gets his Hair Cut": An old tale for children, adapted and produced by P. P. Maguire. 6.30—Eamonn Dockery: Fiddle Tunes. 6.40—Stock Exchange. Sports Results. Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.5—"The Radio Digest," edited and distributed by Michael Farrell. 7.25—"Choruses from the Operas." 7.55—"Mo Rogha de Leabhra Nua-Ghaedhilge"—7: Leon O Broin. 8.10—Irish Radio Orchestra (Guest Conductor, Commandant C. Sauerzweig): A Weber Programme. 8.45—"Once Upon a Golden Time": A Reasonable Extravaganza by Helen Staunton. Produced by Brian Falvey (Repeat Broadcast). 9.45—George Beggs (baritone). 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—Beethoven: Trio in E flat, Op. 70, No. 2, for Violin, 'Cello and Piano.

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—News. 7.15—Band. 7.30—Exercises. 7.50—Tune for To-day. 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts." 8.0—News. 8.15—The Kitchen Front. 8.20—Medley. 9.0—Orchestra. 9.30—Two Pianos. 9.45—"Christmas in Europe." 10.0—Organ. 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Rhythm is their Business." 11.30—Songs by Welsh Composers. 11.50—Orchestra. 12.30—"Break for Music." 1.0—News. 1.30—Band. 2.0—Orchestra. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Piano Music. 3.55—"Moon Over the Marsh." 4.15—Orchestra. 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—News in Norwegian. 6.45—Choir. 7.10—"The Young in Heart." 7.30—Harold Scott. 7.45—"Standards for Some Modern Medicines." 8.0—"Monday Night at Eight." 9.0—News. 9.20—Schubert. 10.0—"The Armchair Detective." 10.10—"The Snow Goose." 10.50—News in Gaelic. 10.55—Records. 11.25—"And So To Bed." 11.30—Orchestra. 12.0—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—"Reveille." 7.0—News. 7.15—Band. 7.30—Morning Review. 8.0—News. 8.15—Medley. 9.0—Orchestra. 9.30—Two Pianos. 9.45—"Starlight." 10.0—Orchestra. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Rhythm is Their Business." 11.30—Organ. 11.50—Orchestra. 12.30—Break for Music. 1.0—News. 1.15—Geraldo. 1.45—Baritone Songs. 2.0—"Hitch Hike." 2.30—"Record Results." 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Orchestre Montmartre. 3.55—Organ. 4.15—Orchestra. 5.0—"Small Change." 5.15—"Ack-Ack, Beer-Beer." 6.0—News. 6.30—"Canadian Calendar." 7.0—American Sports. 7.5—"Command Performance." 7.35—"The Orchestra Speaks." 8.0—"Radio Reconnaissance." 8.20—Band. 9.0—News. 9.20—"Into Battle." 9.30—"Songs for Everybody." 10.15—Greetings from India. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Close down.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—Innocents' Day. 8 and 11, H.C. in the Lady Chapel.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—The Innocents' Day. 10.45, Matins. 11.30, H.C. in the Lady Chapel. 3, Evensong (boys' voices).

ST. ANN'S, Dawson Street.—11.30, H.C.

THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson Street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—10.30, H.C.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.41	9.41
Sets	5.13	5.14
Lighting-up Time	5.43	5.44

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON.
SUNDAY NIGHT.

THE HON. FRANK PAKENHAM, prospective Labour candidate for Oxford City, had an enthusiastic reception when he addressed a meeting arranged by the Widnes Labour Party at which he explained in detail the suggestions and implications of the Beveridge report. Mr. Pakenham amplified the general principles of the report, particularly in reference to family allowances and the setting up of a national health service. He said that the old age pension provisions would not operate to their full extent until a period of twenty years had elapsed. Sir William, he said, had reached the conclusion that five-sixths of want arose directly or indirectly as a result of a stoppage of earnings.

Black-out Torches

Over the Christmastide the regulations for using torches in the black-out were much disregarded. Many people were seen with unscreened, large aperture torches so held that the beam was thrown forward. The effective aperture permitted is only an inch in diameter and even this must be screened and the light must be directed downward. Normally, the police are sharp to correct breaches of the black-out regulations. It is claimed that a number of unscreened torches concentrated in a small area can be seen from the sky by a raider.

The Church

The year now drawing to its close has been marked by developments of happy augury in the ecclesiastical sphere. Chief among these have been the steady growth of national support for the cause of religious education. There have been important developments in Christian co-operation for this and other objects. The highlight of the year was the resignation of Dr. Lang, so that the planning of the post-war Lambeth Conference and of reconstruction might be in the hands of a younger man. Another outstanding event was the approval in principle by the Church Assembly of a scheme for re-organising the parochial boundaries in "ecclesiastical reorganisation areas."

M.P.s Income Tax

M.P.s receive £600 a year here, but it is not free of income tax. In practice, however, few members of the House pay much tax on this payment, as they are allowed to charge against it the salary of a political secretary, postage, and all legitimate outlay in the constituencies, with the exception of contributions to charity or to the local associations. Where an M.P.'s home is in the provinces he can charge the cost of his London dwelling against his remuneration. When an M.P. becomes a Parliamentary Private Secretary, however, his tax position is not so good. He receives £1,200 or £1,500 a year instead of £600, but no expenses of any kind can be charged against his pay, so that when some £600 in tax is deducted it becomes £900. His constituency and other expenses—totalling, perhaps, £400 a year—have still to be met, and, in addition, he is forced by custom to give up all outside directorships and activities, and devote his time to his Department.

Phosphate Imports

Very large quantities of phosphates and ores are to be imported to Britain from Algeria, now that it is in Allied hands. The authorities feel that these are more important than Algerian wine, great quantities of which it was being planned to ship. Many of the principal Bordeaux wine merchants are now operating from Algiers, with the result that Algerian wines are now as good as pre-war French wines. There are a million acres of vineyards in Algeria, providing some five hundred million gallons of wine each year.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Peace and Goodwill

A very old friend of mine, while a sailor during the last war, had the unusual experience of spending his Christmas at St. Helena. A report came into Capetown that the Christmas supply of beer that had been sent to the island had failed to arrive. Clearly, it was an emergency. My friend's ship was charged with a second cargo of beer, and sent off at top speed to relieve the thirst of St. Helena.

When they arrived, they found that the missing ship had turned up, and the missing cargo of beer with it—a fact which the island authorities had wisely forgotten to report to Capetown, lest the rescue ship be called back. They went ashore with their cargo, and a good time was had by all.

The entertainment for Christmas Day consisted of a concert, in which sailors and residents took part. Fairly early in the proceedings somebody made very audible and disparaging comment during a rendering of "Glorious Devon," and the proceedings dissolved in a glorious free fight.

Woodcock

Woodcock, according to some of the guns, are scarce. In happier days these luscious birds assembled round Schull in great numbers, as well as in other parts of Cork and in the West. For the past two years they have not been seen in such numbers—due to the war!

Woodcock come from Norway, and they arrive in Ireland with the full moon in October and November, leaving again about March. But it is thought that the invasion of Norway in 1940 was disastrous for these birds, whose usual habitation there is among the cliffs on the coast.

Military operations inflicted casualties on the birds, and also destroyed the nests. So our woodcock pie is missing this season, in Cork at least; but, of course, some of the best woodcock shoots belong to the West, and there is no news yet as to how the bag is faring there.

A Curious Car

Many types of horse-drawn vehicles have been brought into commission since the emergency. Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Claude Brabazon has one of the most interesting that I have seen.

It is unusual in design, and it can scarcely be called a trap. Its rim is horseshoe in shape, with the ends of the "shoe" forming the entrance. The wheels are small, with pneumatic tyres, and, as the body of the vehicle is well tilted-up, it presents the appearance of a chariot of ancient Rome. The seat is cross-wise and accommodates two persons, though I have seen three people in it.

It was being driven up the Quinsboro' road when I saw it by the Honourable Claude, as he is known in the Bray district, to his residence at Fassaroe, on the road between Bray and Enniskerry. He is a younger brother of the Earl of Meath, and has been for many years hon. secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

"Rubbernecks"

A correspondent writes:—

"Having read your paragraph on the U.S. Marines as 'Rubbernecks,' I would like to make a correction.

"The recognised nickname of the Marines is 'Leathernecks,' and owes its origin to the following circumstances, which, I think, is substantially correct.

"During the War of Independence the Americans founded a Navy with the usual complement of Marines. In accordance with the military dress of the day, these men were equipped with gorgets—i.e., half-moons worn across the throat as a protective device. Owing to the scarcity of material at the time, metal was unobtainable, and the Marines were issued with leather gorgets, hence 'Leathernecks.'"

QUIDNUNC.

OBITUARY

MR. R. A. ANDERSON

In the death of Mr. R. A. Anderson, which occurred at his residence, 45 Victoria road, Clontarf, on Christmas Day, Ireland has lost a son to whom she owes much, a man whose work stands beside that of his colleague and life-long friend, Sir Horace Plunkett, as being of fundamental importance in the development of modern Irish agriculture. He was born in Doneraile, County Cork, in 1861, not far from the estate of Lord Castletown, to which he went as a young man to work as estate agent. In this post he was able to make a practical study of agriculture in all its important aspects—a study which was to stand him in good stead when he took up the work of organisation and teaching. It was here that he made the acquaintance of Sir Horace Plunkett, and, like him, became convinced that the solution of the Irish farmers' chief difficulties lay in co-operation and in the adoption of better and more business-like methods.

In 1895, when the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society was established, Mr. Anderson was the almost inevitable choice for secretary, and he held the position for upwards of a quarter of a century. He carried out his heavy duties with the zeal of a man affectionately devoted to a cause. All classes of people came to him for advice on farming, and he never failed to give a practical answer. His evidence before Government Commissions was always marked by shrewd common-sense and sound suggestions. Through the troubles of the last war his work for Irish agriculture never slackened, although he was beset with family sorrows which would have overwhelmed any ordinary man. Two of his sons were killed in the war. He resigned from his post as Secretary of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society in September, 1921. By that time the co-operative movement in Ireland had more than 1,000 different bodies working in its cause, and more than 120,000 Irish farmers were participants in it. Mr. Anderson continued his association with the movement by taking office as President. In later years he was a prominent member of the Royal Dublin Golf Club, and in 1928 was elected captain.

DISTRICT JUSTICE L. J. WALSH

Noted as the writer of one of Ulster's most popular comedies, "The Pope in Killybuck," in his younger days a solicitor and leader of the Nationalist and Gaelic League movements in the North, and for the last twenty years a District Justice, Mr. Louis J. Walsh died at his home at Letterkenny yesterday, aged 62. He was born in Maghera, Co. Derry, where his family kept a long-established hotel. He grew up with a keen appreciation of the humours of life in what Ulster people know as a "mixed district." This appreciation was to find expression later in several volumes of short stories and sketches, of which the best known is "Yarns of a Country Attorney," and in several plays, of which "The Pope in Killybuck" has remained a prime favourite of Ulster people of all creeds since it was written, over twenty-five years ago. Educated at St. Columb's College, Derry, and later at University College, Dublin, he was one of a band of undergraduates which included Tom Kettle, Chief Justice Kennedy, and Francis Sheehy-Skeffington.

When Mr. Walsh returned home to practise as a solicitor, first at Maghera, and then in Ballycastle, he devoted much of his energy to the Sinn Fein and Irish language movements. He fought a stormy election as Sinn Fein candidate for North Antrim in 1919, but was defeated. During the "troubles" he was "on the run," and spent most of his time in the Sperrin mountains, which he knew so well. On the establishment of the Free State he was appointed a District Justice for County Donegal, where, for the last twenty years, his *obiter dicta* probably made headlines in the national newspapers more often than those of any other district justice in Ireland. His surviving relations include his sister, Mrs. Concannon, a member of the Senate.

MR. J. J. O'REILLY

The death has occurred, at the age of 67, of Mr. Joseph J. O'Reilly, eldest son of the late Joseph R. O'Reilly, Deputy Lieutenant, and brother of Bertram T. O'Reilly, chairman of John Power and Sons; Major Herbert O'Reilly and Colonel Charles O'Reilly.

Educated at Oscott and at Beaumont Colleges, Mr. O'Reilly graduated at Trinity College with the degrees of B.A. and B.A.I. in 1897. He was Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras Presidency, India, from 1900 to 1930, and was Engineer-in-Chief of Planning and Construction of the Cochin Harbour. A well-known member of the Ward Hunt and of the Freebooters' Association Football Club when in Dublin, Mr. O'Reilly afterwards became a leading light in the Madras and Calcutta Racing Clubs, and rode many of his own horses successfully. He was a popular member of the Stephen's Green Club.

MR. J. COGHLAN

The death occurred at his residence, Ring street, Inchicore, on Saturday, of Mr. J. Coghlan, who represented Dublin, South, in the Corporation, and was a member of the Board of Assistance until it was disbanded. Born in Cork, he was formerly connected with the Great Southern Railway and the old Dublin and South-Eastern system. Also for a number of years he had acted as Secretary to the Inchicore United Workingmen's Club.

MR. A. G. BURNELL

Mr. Albert G. Burnell, chief analytical chemist, Great Southern Railways, died on Christmas Day at his residence, Glenthorpe, Kimmage road, West. He came to Dublin from Swindon more than twenty years ago. Connected with the Emergency Research Bureau, he participated recently in the discussions at the Department of Industry and Commerce on the producer-gas problems.

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	3.46	4.29
Evening	3.56	4.40

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS.

FREEMAN—December 23, 1942, at Hillside, Sydenham road, Dundrum, to Joan, wife of G. S. Freeman, a son (John Weldon).

KILROE—December 21, 1942, at the County Hospital, Roscommon, to Ora, wife of James C. Kilroe, a daughter (Daphne Richards).

McDONOUGH—December 15, 1942, at Lourdes Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. F. McDonough, West street, Drogheda, a daughter (Mary Christine).

NEILL—November 29, 1942, at the Rotunda Hospital, to Lillian, wife of Herbert W. Neill, "Treo," Churchtown, Dundrum, a daughter.

SMITH—December 25, 1942, at Rotunda Hospital, to Maud (nee Boyd), wife of William R. Smith, 71 Iveagh Gardens, Cranlin, the gift of a daughter (Carol Frances).

MARRIAGES.

CORRY and KNOTT—November 25, 1942, at Outeragh Parish Church, by Rev. A. Sweetnan, George Robert, youngest son of Mrs. Corry and the late William Henry Corry, Ballybeg, Carrickboy, Co. Longford, to Elizabeth Anne, daughter of Joseph Johnston Knott and Mrs. Knott, Foxwood House, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.

MARSHALL and SHEPHERD—December 23, 1942, at Donegall Church, by the Rev. J. Osborne, Bryan Marshall, 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, to Deirdre Shepherd.

WHITFORD and FEE—November 25, 1942, at Ballymacormack Church, by the Rev. R. Ferguson, Carter Edward, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitford, Darrow, Leix, to Ethel Louisa, daughter of the late Henry and Mrs. Fee, Lisduff, Longford.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON—December 25, 1942, Robert Andrew Anderson, 45 Victoria road, Clontarf, Dublin, aged 82 years. Interment to-day (Monday), 12 o'clock noon, at Mount Jerome Cemetery.

BELL—December 26, 1942, at Nun's Cross, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, Sara Anne, widow of the late James Bell, Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone. Funeral to Nun's Cross Cemetery to-day (Monday) at 3 p.m. "Peace, perfect peace."

BLAND—December 23, 1942, at 8 Vesey place, Kingstown, Georgianna Augusta (Ina), widow of John Loftus Bland, of Blandsford, Queen's County, and last surviving child of George White West, of Ardinode, Co. Kildare, aged 84.

BURNELL—December 25, 1942 (suddenly), at his residence, "Glenthorpe," 105 Kimmage road, West, Albert George, to the inexpressible grief of his wife and sons. Funeral from Christ Church Cathedral to-day (Monday), after Service at 12 o'clock, to Mount Jerome Cemetery. "Gone to Rest."

BUTLER—December 23, 1942 (suddenly), in Dublin, Thomas Edmond, younger son of the late Sir Thomas Pierce Butler, Bart., of Ballintemple, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Funeral (private) took place on Saturday, December 26, at All Saints' Church, Raheny.

CHAMBERS—December 25, 1942, at her nephew's residence, 8 Calderwood road, Drumcondra, Martha Crawford, late of Rathcoole, aged 86.

CREAN—December 24, 1942 (suddenly), Eileen Mary, beloved eldest child of John B. and the late Marie Louise Crean, 65 Palmerston road, Dublin. Funeral (private) from the Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood avenue, after 9 o'clock Mass, to-day (Monday) to Glasnevin.

DEANE—December 24, 1942, at his residence, Camnish, Raheny, Dublin, John Thomas, dearly loved husband, of Anna S. Deane, and eldest son of the late Joseph Deane and of Mrs. Deane, Poristewart, Co. Derry. Funeral took place to St. George's Burial Ground on 26th December, 1942. "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms."

DWYER—December 26, 1942, at Northbrook Home, George William, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Dwyer, of Casimir road, Rathgar. Service, Brighton Road Methodist Church, to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, 11.15.

FITZGERALD—On Christmas Day, 1942, at a Dublin hospital, Robert, beloved husband of Harriett Fitzgerald, 23 Ashfield road, Ranelagh, Sexton of St. Philip's Church. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, arriving at Mount Jerome Cemetery at 10 a.m., after Service in St. Philip's Parish Church, Temple road, at 9.30 a.m. "He giveth His beloved sleep."

GIVENS—December 27, 1942, at his residence, Ironmille, Anacarty, Robert Andrew Givens (sen.). Remains will be removed to Donohill Church at 4 o'clock (O.T.) to-day (Monday). Interment to-morrow (Tuesday) at 12 o'clock (O.T.) in adjoining cemetery. "Peace, perfect peace."

HEWITT—December 25, 1942, at a Belfast hospital, Nurse Evelyn Joyce (Joy). Dearly loved and only surviving child of Madge and Eddie Hewitt, Athlone. Funeral arriving Athlone, 2.30 p.m., to-day (Monday).

LACY—December 21, 1942, at his residence, 3 Shanakiel place, Sunday's Well, Cork, John Thomas Lacy, in his 85th year. St. John v., verse 24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth in Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

LOWRY—December 19, 1941, on active service at Hong Kong, George Trevor Lowry, B.Sc., Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force, dearly loved younger son of Margaret Lowry and of the late George Lowry, Headfort place, Kells, Co. Meath.

MADDOCK—December 23, 1942, at a private nursing home, Dun Laoghaire, Sanna W., Sandford, eldest daughter of the late William and Sanna Nesbitt Maddock. Funeral private.

McGUIRK—December 24, 1942, at a private nursing home, Mrs. Margaret McGuirk, Baldly House, and Lamb Doyle's, Sandyford, Co. Dublin. Deeply mourned. R.I.P. Funeral took place on Saturday (St. Stephen's Day) to Kilgobbin Cemetery. American papers please copy.

MELLETT—December 24, 1942, at a nursing home in Dublin, Charles S. Mellett, Clonbalt House, Longford, late Manager, National Bank, Longford. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family. R.I.P. Funeral took place on Saturday, 26th inst., to Ballymacormick, Co. Longford.

MITCHELL—December 26, 1942, at her residence, 1 Iona Crescent, Glasnevin, widow of George Cullen Mitchell, Dublin. Deeply regretted. Remains were removed to St. Columba's Church, Iona road, yesterday (Sunday) at 2.45 p.m. Funeral to Glasnevin to-day (Monday), after 10 o'clock Mass. No flowers.

MUSGRAVE—December 24, 1942, at Victoria Nursing Home, Portadown, James Musgrave, J.P., of "Sanville," Coalisland. Interred at Dungannon Cemetery.

NEWMARCH—December 16, 1942, at Bournemouth, Violet Louisa (nee Sixsmith), wife of Rev. E. W. Newmarch.

ORAM—December 24, 1942, at his residence, 52 Highfield road, Rathgar, Dublin, Alfred William Oram, late Manager, Ulster Bank, Clones, aged 82. Funeral strictly private.

O'REILLY—December 27, 1942, at 109 Anglesea road, Donnybrook, Dublin, Joseph James, M.A., B.L., beloved husband of Maude O'Reilly, and eldest son of the late Joseph B. O'Reilly, D.L., Sans Souci, Booterstown. Funeral (strictly private), after 9 o'clock Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, to-day (Monday). R.I.P.

PETIT—December 24, 1942, at 9 Knappagh road, Sligo, Ralph, eldest son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Petit. R.I.P.

QUINN—December 26, 1942, at his residence, 1 Upper Liffey street, Dublin, Charles, son of late Charles Quinn, formerly of Clontarf and 8 Cathedral street. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing sister. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin to-day (Monday), after 10 o'clock Mass, from the Pro-Cathedral.

ROCHE—December 23, 1942, at a Dublin nursing home, Nina Josephine Roche, youngest daughter of the late Nicholas Roche, of Ballinamona, Nenagh. R.I.P.

SMITH—December 26, 1942 (suddenly), at Navan, Beatrice (Beatie) Smith, 97 Dunlace road, Clontarf, Dublin. R.I.P. Funeral took place yesterday (Sunday) from St. Mary's, Navan, to family burial ground, Kells.

STUART—December 23, 1942, at a private nursing home, Esther (Essie), second daughter of the late Thomas Stuart, of Beechfield House, Clontarf. Funeral (private) from her residence, Winmarleigh, Ulverton road, Dalkey, to Mount Jerome Cemetery. Interment after Service in Mortuary Chapel at 10 a.m. to-day (Monday). Friends welcome at Service.

THACKABERRY—December 27, 1942, at his residence, Ardoyne House, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Nathaniel William Thackaberry. Funeral to Ardoyne Cemetery on Wednesday, 3.0 (N.T.).

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon Thy Saviour's breast,
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.
Good night."

TWAMLEY—December 24, 1942, at a Dublin hospital, William Twamley, 11 Parnell square, late Dublin County Council. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin Cemetery, at 10 a.m., to-day (Monday), from St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner street, following 9 o'clock Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 8.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. E. F. Sisy, 5 Sandymount avenue, Ballsbridge, wishes to return thanks to the many friends who sent kind letters of sympathy on the death of her dear daughter, Miss E. M. Grant, which were much appreciated.
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IN MEMORIAM.

BROOKS—In fond and loving memory of Edward Brooks, who was called Home, December 27th, 1939. "Resting where no shadows fall."—Inserted by his wife and family.

CALVERT—In the dear memory of my beloved husband, John M. Calvert, called Home December 27, 1938.
"Resting where no shadows fall."

DAISH—In loving memory of my dear husband, Willie, late of 3 Ardeevin terrace, Dalkey, who died 25th December, 1941. Sadly missed.—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

DOHERTY—In remembrance of my beloved husband and our dear father, who was called Home, 27th December, 1920; also our dear brother, William Samuel, called Home, 6th August, 1919. We thank our God upon every remembrance of you.

GALBRAITH—Third Anniversary — In memory of Andrew Galbraith, late of Finglas.

GILL—In loving memory of George F. Gill (Islandbridge), 27th December, 1915.

GILTRAP—In loving memory of Henry, called Home 28th December, 1937.
"Rest, Joy, peace."

GRAY—In loving remembrance of a darling wife and mother, Catherine Gray, who died at 2 Crofton avenue, Kingstown, on Christmas Day, 1934.
"They in Glory shine."

HODGE—In memory of my dear daughter, Cornelia A. V., who died on the 27th December, 1932, at Adelaide Hospital. "Safe in her Heavenly Father's Home."—Mother.

JOHNSTON—In undying memory of W. B. Johnston, who was called to Higher Life on 27th December, 1939.

KNIGHT—Third Anniversary—In loving memory of darling Dad, who departed this life, 28th December, 1939. Ever remembered by his loving wife, sons, daughters and sister.
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MacDERMOTT—In ever-loving memory of our dear father, W. T. MacDermott, Beechgrove, Blessington, who entered into "Rest," 26th December, 1939; also dear mother, called "Home," 10th May, 1931.

MACKEY—In memory of a loving husband and father, Ernest Raymond Mackey, Albany road, Ranelagh, who passed on, Christmas Day, 1939.
Resting where no shadows fall.

REA—In fond remembrance of my dear husband, John Edward Rea, who died December 28th, 1938.—Inserted by his loving widow and son.
"A few more years shall roll."

TOMKINS (nee Beattie)—In loving memory of my dear wife, Matilda, called Home, 28th December, 1939.
God calleth first whom He loveth best.
—Ben.

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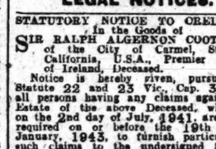

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And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 19th day of January, 1943, will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims of which particulars shall have been furnished as aforesaid.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1942.
J. R. CRESSWELL, Solicitor and Executor, 17 Harcourt Street, Dublin.

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IRISH STOCKS AND SHARES STILL IN DEMAND

WITH only a short working week, due to the Christmas holidays, both the public and operators alike were not inclined to open up fresh commitments, and, consequently, Dublin Stock Markets made a quiet showing last week. Despite the lack of interest, the tone held remarkably firm for this time of the year, and Irish Industrials claimed the bulk of any business that came along.

Despite a system of rationing in order to conserve the small stocks of metal on hands, the Irish Aluminium Co. was successful in being able to earn a slightly higher profit for the past year. Shareholders will be pleased to hear that the company is embarking on a new line of production, which the chairman hopes will keep the factory in production. The 6½ per cent. Pref. shares have not changed hands for several months past, when they were then around 14/-.

The recent strong buying of L. Jordan issues appears to have been well justified, for the company is paying a final dividend of 6 per cent., making again 10 per cent. for the period from 11th October, 1941, to 30th September, 1942.

There is still a good demand for hotel shares. A small lot of Dolphin Hotel Ord. changed hands at 50/-, a rise of 20/- on the last official quotations. Most of these concerns are doing better than for several years past. Difficulty of transport is forcing many people to avail themselves of hotel facilities. With private motoring a thing of the past, a big majority have to take some of their meals in the city.

NEW RULES

The Committee of the Dublin Stock Exchange has adopted the following temporary regulations:—(1) The buyers of securities deliverable by deed of transfer shall issue ticket as soon as possible, but not later than 12 o'clock noon on the fifth business day after date of bargain. The ticket shall have the date of bargain in addition to the date of issue. (2) During the currency of above temporary regulations the provisions of Rule 233 are suspended. Rule 233 allows the closing of bargains for the same account or for the account immediately following without further commission.

This decision was arrived at in order to bring the Dublin Stock Exchange into line with the London Stock Exchange. The new regulations will come into force to-morrow, the 29th inst.

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